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Community Services creates a data bank to help tribal citizens enter workforce

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is seeking qualified and skilled personnel for a Job Data Bank maintained within the Division of Community Services.

According to tribal law Title 32, Chapter 2, Section 2-104, the Local Hire Act requires the Division of Community Services to maintain a list of available and qualified skilled Creek citizens and American Indians residing within the boundaries of the Creek Nation.

Acting in accordance with this law, Della Cherry, Deputy Director of the Division of Community Services, will begin acquiring data, compiling a list, and submitting potential employees, by skill and experience, to prospective employers operating within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation jurisdiction.

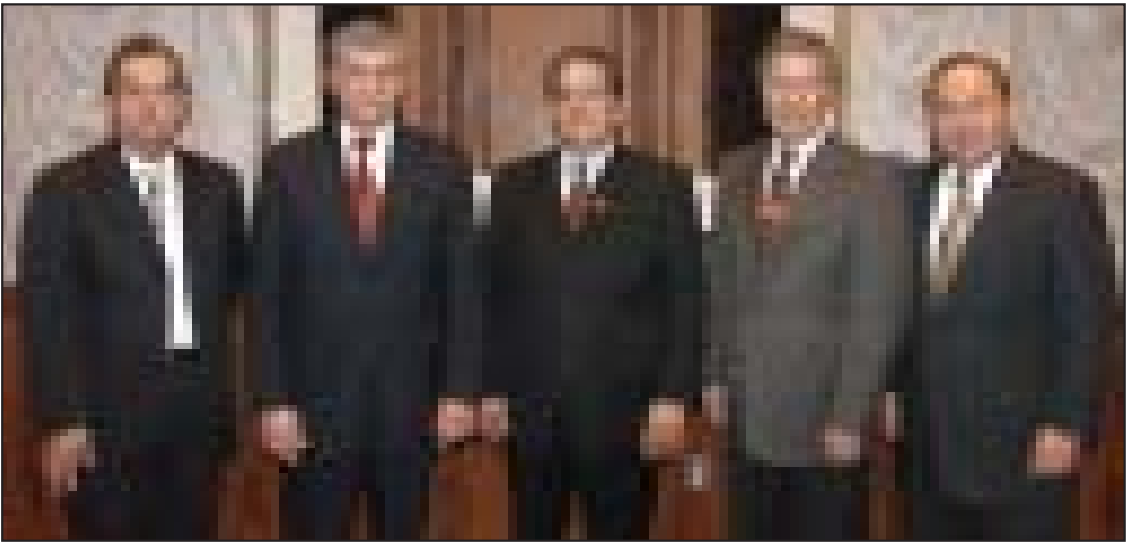
“We hope all Creek citizens take this opportunity to fill out an application and get it back to us just as soon as possible,” said Cherry. “With the new program, we hope to help more Creek citizens obtain employment and to create an overall better future for our people.”

To be entered into the Job Data Bank, an information sheet must be completed and submitted to the office of Community Services. Applicants must provide information, such as skills, years of experience, licenses, employment history, and identification documents.

For more information, contact Community Services at: P.O Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447; (918) 732-7962, (800) 482-1979; or submit an e-mail to dmartin@muscogeenation-nsn.gov.



Chief Ellis assumes leadership for Inter-Tribal Council



Leadership of the Five Civilized Tribes, from left to right, are: Chief Kenneth Chambers, Seminole Nation; Chief Chad Smith, Cherokee Nation; Principal Chief A.D. Ellis, Creek Nation; Chief Gregory Pyle, Choctaw Nation; and Governor Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation.

by Sara Gibson

CATOOSA — All good things come full circle; on Friday, January 14, the Inter-Tribal Council had a new chairman step into office. Muscogee (Creek) Nation Chief Ellis stepped into leadership to preside over the prestigious and powerful Inter-Tribal Council.

The Inter-Tribal Council is comprised of the illustrious nations of the Five Civilized Tribes: the Creek, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee and Seminole. The Five Tribes recognized the need to stand as a unit and realized the amount of power they could hold when united and as a result of various meetings held in 1949, the foundation of the present day Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes was formed. One of the founders of the establishment was Creek citizen Tom Moore, who is the father of Judge Patrick Moore.

The Constitution of the Inter-Tribal Council clearly states the objective:

“...to secure to ourselves and our descendants the rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws of the United States of America, and the state of Oklahoma; to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian race; to preserve Indian cultural values; to enhance and promote general educational opportunity among members of the Five Civilized Tribes; to seek equitable adjustments of

tribal affairs; to secure and to preserve rights under Indian Treaties with the United States; and otherwise to promote the common welfare of the American Indians...”

There are over 450,000 members enrolled in the Five Civilized Tribes. When an issue is proposed and all Five Tribes have a concern they must confront, the amount of political clout the tribes carry is very powerful. With all five tribal leaders working together, their possibilities are endless.

The Inter-Tribal Council meeting is open to all. Even tribes outside of the five can attend, however, due to the nature and position each of the Five Tribes hold, it’s usually just the five who are in attendance.

The general council of the Inter-Tribal Council consists of five members from each tribe. For the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the general council consists of Chief A.D. Ellis, Second Chief Alfred Berryhill, Speaker Thomas Yahola, Second Speaker Richard Berryhill and Judge Patrick Moore.

“The tribes have a good relationship and have been extremely helpful to each other. I can call on one (Chief) and they will return my call even if they are out of state” Chief Ellis stated.

Chief Ellis assumes the position of Chairman from Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. Chief Ellis will serve as Chairman for a term of 1 year.

Thanks to Twin Hills Community Center
Editor:

The Family Violence Prevention Program at Children and Family Services would like to extend much thanks to the Twin Hills Community Center. They recently provided a Christmas food basket including a turkey, fruit, and many canned goods for one of our domestic violence victims and their family. It was needed and greatly appreciated! Thank You for your good heartedness.
Lisa Worthley, Okmulgee

Family remembers loved one
Editor:

It's been a year and 10 months since the loss of our father Edmond Lowe, but we still feel his presence. During the time of his battle in the hospital, we still cannot get over how all the many churches, preachers, Christians, friends, relatives and everyone else just came to give a word or a hug, encouragement, and sympathy to our dad, family, and relatives.

On behalf of our family and mother, we are still thanking everyone who came to us, helped us and prayed for us. Thank you all for services, flowers, prayers, cards, time, food, encouraging words, songs and fellowship. Thanks to all the churches and preachers who took their time to visit our dad and everyone else who gave their time for our family, even if it was just to come and shake our hands, as some of the families did. If it weren't for your comfort behind God's hands, we couldn't have come through so well. So again, thank you all for all you've done, especially the Creek Nation Principal Chief and Second Chief, Funeral Home, church and all the preachers.

Mvto

The Lowe Family

Local church gives thanks
Editor:

On behalf of the Trenton Indian Baptist Church, we thank Donna Martin and the Creek Nation for the monetary gifts, donations and time for our members and community. Thanks to you all, our members and community had a wonderful time and appreciated all that was received, our turnout was a blessing.

Once again thank you for the Christmas blessings. Not only our church, but the High Priest above, will lay many blessings to you all.

Mvto

Trenton Indian Baptist Church members, Hanna

Organization thanks communications staff
Editor:

I didn't get a chance to tell you after our

meeting how much I appreciate your preparing the Power Point Project for us.

You did a superb job and please pass on our thanks to the girls who worked on it. Your work made our presentation go very well and was exactly the thing that we needed to present our purpose of the meeting.

Hope to see you again.

Regards,

Scott Roberts, Oklahoma City

December District Court filings

Marriage License:

- None

Protective Orders:

- Johnson: Aletha v. Johnson: Aaron

Criminal - Felonies:

- None

Criminal - Misdemeanor

- None

Traffic:

- MCN v. Pierce: Rusty No Driver's License
- MCN v. Navoh: Aryan DUS
- MCN v. Fipps: Donald Disorderly Conduct
- MCN v. Somez: Eugenia Disorderly Conduct
- MCN v. Beasley: Anthony Disorderly Conduct

Family Domestic:

- None


Divorce:

- Shepherd: Patricia v. Shepherd: Justin
- Thomas: Patricia v. Thomas: Adam
- Morence: Rebecca v. Morence: Jesse
- Beaver: Sally v. Beaver: Mike


Civil/ Small Claims:

- Paquin: Twyla v. Paquin: Sylvester and Blackbear: Farrell
- Petition to Establish Paternity
- Tulsa Adjustment Bureau v. West: Carl and Barbara
- Foreign Judgment

- MCN v. Dixon: Christina Petition
- Community Hospital Lakeview v. Folsom: Rebecca
- Foreign Judgment
- Royal Finance v. Buckley: Sussie
- Small Claims
- Royal Finance v. Walker: Vanessa
- Small Claims
- Anderson: Gina v. Hartley: Michael
- Petition to Establish Paternity



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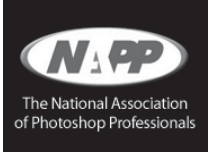


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Office of the Principal

Chief

Today is January 11, 2005, and one year ago today at 6:00 a.m., in the morning, I took my oath as the new Principal Chief. This had to be at such an early hour because I had to catch a plane for Washington D.C. at 8 a.m. My entire first week was working in D.C. to secure work and improvement that would benefit our Nation. Times have changed so much this first year and the Nation is rapidly moving toward a very progressive future. Indian Nations in Oklahoma are finally becoming a force both in the political process, business and industry. Even in the area surrounding Okmulgee where our capitol is located, community city and state officials are eager to be involved and working with the Creeks. What’s good for our Nation is also good for Oklahoma. Many projects have been successful in the last year and many new one’s are being built or now in operation. I now realize that a new tribal leader has to deal with much controversy during their first year in office. You do the best you can for the Nation as a whole, ignore the resistance from people who want to destroy instead of improve & realize that the majority of Creek people wanted you here.

I predict a greater year ahead. The Coweta Clinic will be finished in 2005. The new Hotel-Casino in Tulsa will be under construction on Riverside Drive, and a new Class III Gaming Compact will allow us to increase revenue income and improve direct client services. A new all purpose basketball gym, fitness center plus a new office of tourism and recreation to put the omnplex to full time use year round. The new industrial park dedicated last month should be ready for businesses this summer. The new Tribal Transit System will begin buying buses this year to start transporting our citizens according to manager, Mr. Ben Chaney. This year is a very important time for our Tribal University with the Board of Regents in place and



by C. D. Ellis

planning under way to expand. There is still a overwhelming need for health care and more funding. We never have enough money and therefore many people are left having huge doctor’s bills. Many, many people come in or call my office about medical bills or priority decisions. My office has nothing to do with our health system. They are governed by a 7 member Board of Directors who report to the National Council committee. I’m always a good listener but authority is limited. I will give my yearly State of the Nation Address at the regular council meeting the 29th of January in the Mound building and I invite everyone. Our future, the future of our Nation and its people will be the topic of discussion. This is also the election year for all National Council Representatives. I urge all citizens to exercise your voting privilege to elect who you think serves or will serve this nation for the best interest of all. *Mvto!* Quote of the month: “*Rudeness is the weak man’s imitation of strength.*”

Second opinion

I trust most of you had a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year. I know that there are some who are still grieving because they lost a loved one and our prayers continue to be with you. Christmas is supposed to be a time when we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus. However, it seems that we have been conditioned to celebrate this time for other things. This season is to be a joyous one. Every since our childhood, we have grown use to Christmas as a time to exchange gifts with our families and friends. I’m reminded of a time when there was a promising young man who had six children and loved to be around children. His plans were to have several children and he did have a good start, but his life was cut short New Year’s Eve. He knew he was behind on his rent payment, but he was only able to come up with a partial payment and the rest would be forthcoming the following week. He took his partial payment to his landlord and it was rejected. He probably wasn’t able to do much for his children because he hadn’t been working. He saw everyone else having a wonderful time, but he was facing eviction. What a way to start a New Year. I know that there are probably more things surrounding his death. Society has condition our young people that if they don’t give something to their children on Christmas; it doesn’t make them much of a father or a man. When he tried to make a partial payment; the rejection was more or less a slap in the face. This young man probably had much pride and didn’t want to bother anyone else for help. He probably felt that he was at a dead end. The only thing that he could probably give his children was a hug every time he would see them. I know that he took them to church. How many more of our youth are out there that need help but won’t ask. He gave the best he had; a hug and Jesus Christ. Amen. THECONTINUATIONOFTHESTORYASRELATEDBY CHIKILLI: “The Cussitaws said they would try to kill the beast.

They dug a pit and stretched over it a net mad of hickory-bark. They then laid a number of branches, crosswise, so that the lion could not follow them, and, going to the place where he lay, they threw a rattle into his den. The lion rushed forth in great anger, and pursued them through the branches. Then they thought it better that one should die rather than all; so they took a motherless child, and threw it before the lion as he came near the pit. The lion rushed at it, and fell in the pit, over which they threw the net, and killed him with blazing pine-wood. His bones, however, they keep to this day; on one side, they are red, on the other, blue.” “The lion used to come every seventh day to kill the people; therefore, they remained there seven days after they had killed him. In remembrance of him, when they prepare for War, they fast six days and start on the seventh. If they take his bones with them, they have good fortune.” “After four years they left the Coosaws, and came to a river which they called Nowphawpe, now Callasi-hutche (footnote: A misprint for Tallasi-hutche.). There they tarried two years; and, as they had no corn, they lived on roots and fishes, and made bows, pointing the arrows with beaver teeth and flint-stones, and for knives they used split canes.” “They left this place, and came to a creek, called Wattoolahawka-hutche (footnote: Watula, sandhill crane; haki, sound, noise; hatchee, creek, river.), Whooping-creek, so called from the whooping cranes, a great many being there; they slept there one night.



They next came to a river, in which there was a waterfall; this they named the Owatunka-river (footnote: Owatamka River.). The next day they reached another river, which they called the Aphoosa pheeskaw (footnote: Cf. afuswa, thread; fesketa, to sprinkle, scatter out.).” “The following day they crossed it, and came to a high mountain, where people who, they believed, were the same who made the white path. They, therefore, made white arrows and shot at them, to see if they were good people. But the people took their white arrows, painted them red, and shot them back. When they showed these to their chief, he said that it was not a good sign; if the arrows returned had been white, they could have gone there and brought food for their children, but as they were red they must not go. Nevertheless, some of them went to see what sort of people they were, and found their houses deserted. They also saw a trail which led into the river; and, as they could not see the trail on the opposite bank, they believed that the people had gone into the river, and would not again come forth.” “At that place is a mountain, called Moterell, which makes a noise like beating on a drum; and they think this people live there. They hear this noise on all sides when they go to war.” “They went along the river, till they came to a waterfall, where they saw great rocks, and on the rocks were bows lying; and they believed the people who made the white path had been there.” “They always have, on their journeys, two scouts who go before the main body. These scouts ascended a high mountain and saw a town. They shot white arrows into the town; but the people of the town shot back red arrows. Then the Cussitaws became angry, and determined to attack the town, and each one have a house when it was captured.” “They threw stones into the river until they could cross it, and took the town (the people had flattened heads), and killed all

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Education

Student of the month

HOLDENVILLE — Isiah Caine Lowe, a first grader at Ethel M. Reed Elementary School in Holdenville, was selected as the October Student of the Month.

He is in Mrs. Patterson’s class and wants to be a zookeeper when he grows up.

He is the son of Rhonda Lowe of Holdenville.



Lowe

Births

Ashlinn Storm Hicks

ADAIR — Ashlinn Storm Hicks was born on July 21 to Josh and Jami Hicks. She weighed 8 lbs and 5 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Jackie and Robert Ehly of Pryor.

Paternal grandparents are Tracy and Beatrice Scates of Chouteau.

Paternal great-grandparents are Edna Mitchell of Henryetta and the late Charlie Hicks Sr. of Weleetka.

Paternal great-great-grand mother was the late Sarah Harjo of Dustin.



A. Hicks

Birthdays

July turns nine with a Spiderman theme

TULSA — Troy July celebrated his ninth birthday on Dec. 18 with his family. His sister, Tiffany and Matthew Miller took him to Laser Quest.

He is the son of Sonya July and Troy Carter of Checotah.

Maternal grandparents are Clara and the late Joe July of Checotah.

Paternal grandmother is the late Laura Carter.

He has two sisters, Tiffany and Laura; one brother, Sunjun.



July

Girl celebrate 4th birthday with family and friends

ADAIR—Sierra Rain Hicks celebrated her 4th birth-

day on Sept. 19 with family and friends. Her birthday cake was a Princess theme. She is the daughter of Josh and Jami Hicks and has a little sister named Ashlinn Hicks.

Maternal grandparents are Jackie and Robert Ehly of Pryor.

Paternal grandparents are Tracy and Beatrice Scates of Chouteau.

Paternal great grandparents are Edna Mitchell of Henryetta and the late Charlie Hicks, Sr. of Weleetka.

Paternal great-great-grandmother was the late Sarah Harjo of Dustin.



S. Hicks

Randall celebrates birthday with family and friends

COWETA — Avery Okema Randall celebrated her first birthday on Oct. 28 with family and friends.

She is the daughter of Tyler and Krysta Randall.

Her grandparents are Harold and Linda Ward of Moore and Rod and Jennifer Randall of Broken Arrow.

She has one brother, Bryant and one sister, Cameron.



Randall

Chisholm celebrates 6th birthday

RAINFORD — Gina Don Chisholm turned 6 years old on December 23rd. Her Scooby-Doo theme birthday party was celebrated on Christmas Day in Raiford at the home of her great-aunt Betty Lane.

Gina Don is a Creek citizen of Creek-Cherokee descent and attends kindergarten at Okay Elementary and church at First Baptist of Okay. Gina is the daughter of Donald Chisholm and Velma Carder.

Paternal grandmother is Nancy Chisholm of Stidham, paternal great-grandparents are the late Coweta and Rosanna Chisholm of Raiford.

Maternal grandparents are the late Cecil and Peggy Carder, Sr. of Okmulgee, maternal great-grandparents are the late Buddy and Hattie Harjo, Sr. of Weleetka.



Chisholm

Society

Littlecreek to serve on Regional Advisory Committee

OKEMAH— The Department of Education and the CNA Corporation has announced the selection of Valeria Littlecreek to serve on the Southwest Regional Advisory Committee (RAC). This is one of ten RACs established by the U.S. Congress to inform the U.S. Secretary of Education on the technical assistance needs for education in the nation. The CNAC Education Center is supporting the work for the Department of Education.

Each RAC will need to submit a final report to the U.S. Secretary of Education in April 2005.

Littlecreek has 28 years of experience working in education at the international, federal, state and local levels. She holds a B.S. degree in Psychology and a Master’s degree in school counseling from Oklahoma State University and hopes to complete her doctoral degree in school leadership in the spring also from OSU.

She is the current school counselor for Okemah Middle School, with 12 years of total experience with Okemah Public schools.



Littlecreek

Checotah Indian Community holds their first annual powwow

EUFULA — Checotah Indian Community held their first annual powwow at Lake Eufaula State Park, Area #2 on Oct. 16 and 17.

The powwow was officially called the “Three Rivers Intertribal Gathering.” Prize money for the event totaled \$40,000.

The drum contest was a \$3,000 winner-take-all event. Six drum groups competed: Redland, Kellyville; Smokey Creek, Shawnee; Rose Hill, Cushing; South 40, Carnegie; Native Eagle; and Battle River, Redby, MN.

A total of 210 registered dancers and several intertribal dancers participated in the inaugural event. Several hundred people were in attendance and pledges have been made for upcoming years.



Muscogee Creek Nation Division of Health: Contract Health Services

This is a Special Program Highlight at the request of the MCN Division of Health Chief Medical Officer Dr. Lawrence Vark

OKMULGEE — Contract Health Services (CHS) is a federally funded program to assist eligible patients financially with specialized care that is not directly available from Creek Nation Clinics or Creek Nation Community Hospital. Assistance depends on eligibility, residence, medical priorities, alternate resources, and availability of funding.

The Creek Nation CHS program also contracts with specialty care physicians, hospitals, diagnostic groups and other health care providers to treat our patients at prearranged fees.

The Contract Health Service Program is funded yearly with federal funds by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Not all referrals for specialty care can be paid for by Creek Nation Contract Health Services. Because the funding they receive they cannot accommodate every need of every patient, medical priorities have been established for determining which referrals can be authorized for payment.

Medical priorities for the Creek Nation CHS are:

- Life Threatening Obstetrical Complications/ Emergencies: Medical care for obstetrical patients presenting with

obstetrical conditions which appear to pose serious threat to life of patient or unborn child.

- Life Threatening Emergencies: Medical care for conditions which are felt to be an imminent threat to life, for which treatment at Creek Nation Community Hospital or an IHS facility is not appropriate or available.

- Organ/ Limb Threatening Emergencies: Medical care for patients presenting with conditions thought to pose an imminent threat to an organ or limb, where treatment at Creek Nation Community Hospital or an IHS facility is not appropriate or available.

- Treatment of Curable Cancers in Childhood: Medical care for curable cancers in minors (age as defined by law).

- Treatment of Curable Cancers in Adults: Medical care for curable cancers in adult patient (age as defined by law).

- Acute Orthopedic injuries: Medical care for orthopedic injuries in adults (age as defined by law), where delay of such treatment would result in significant loss of function.

- Urgent Consultative/ Diagnostic Studies: Medical care ordered by a health care provider that is necessary for definitive diagnosis/treatment of a condition, when it is anticipated that delay of such would not result in loss of a condition, when it is anticipated that delay of such would not result in loss of life/limb/organ, but delay might potentially lead to complications later in life.

- Class 1 Palliative Cancer Treatment: Treatment for cancer that could prolong life, but is not a curative. Extension of life expectancy should be anticipated to be 2 years or longer.

- Developmental Delays: Provider services necessary for the definitive diagnosis of physical or mental conditions in pediatric patients which could impede or prevent normal development; when clinical signs are present to indicate possible presence of such conditions.

- IHS: Services available at an IHS facility

- Other Consults and Diagnostic Studies: Consults/diagnostic studies which are necessary for the definitive diagnosis of a condition.

- Other Orthopedic Problem: Medical care of orthopedic conditions that are not thought to result in significant loss of function; cosmetic deformity may be present.

- 72 hour/ 30 days Emergency Call in: Care for which referral is not done Patient call-in to report medical issues.

- Rehabilitative Services (Inpatient): All services defined as rehabilitative, exclusive of those provided by Creek Nation Community Hospital or other IHS facility.

- Rehabilitative Services (Inpatient): See above- 72 hour/ 30 day Emergency Call in.

- Transplant: Organ transplant authorized by qualified providers. Subject to available funding.

When services are not available at Creek Nation Clinics and hospital or at IHS facility where the patient regularly receives care, a physician will initiate a referral to a contract specialty provider.

Patient Benefits Coordinator at each clinic prepares all

Referral steps are:

- 1 Nurse/Provider will direct you to the CHS Patient Benefits Coordinator's office and your chart & referral will be taken to CHS office.

- 2 Patient Benefits Coordinators will counsel with you regarding eligibility, alternate resources such as Medicare, Medicaid, insurance, VA, Workman's Comp, Sooner Care, and Title 19, and schedules the appointment, if necessary.

- 3 Patient will need a referral from his or her doctor for additional procedures, tests, follow-up exams, and/or hospitalization.

- 4 If patient schedules or reschedules an appointment without proper CHS authorization, the patient will be responsible for payment.

- 5 Get to know your Patient Benefits Coordinator at the clinic you normally use to help with any schedules and questions regarding Contract Health Services.

referrals to submit weekly for the CHS Review Committee. The Review Committee meets every week. They have an average of 70 requisitions on a weekly basis. Referrals from all clinics are reviewed and categorized in accordance with approved Creek Nation CHS medical priorities. Individual referrals are prioritized with a Medical Priority. Referrals are then ranked within the priority.

Funds approval is based on weekly allocation and applied to the referrals in the order they have been prioritized and ranked.

Deferred referrals are defined as service requested and meets medical priority, but no funds are available to pay for them. Deferred referrals will be resubmitted for review up to three consecutive weeks for further consideration for payment of services and prioritized and ranked with new referrals presented at those meetings.

If your referral is denied, the patient and/or provider has 30 days from the date the denial letter is received to appeal for reconsideration. Appeal should be made in writing and mailed to: ATTN: Chief Medical Officer, Contract Health Service Office, 206 South Grand, Suite 202 Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447. If the decision is upheld, the next level of appeal can be made in writing within 30 days to: ATTN: Chief Executive Officer, Contract Health Service Office, 206 South Grand, Suite 202, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447. The CEO's decision on appeals shall constitute final administrative action.

Call-ins are reported to CHS Central Office in Okmulgee at (918) 758-2710. This call should be made when a patient has an emergency and is unable to go to the nearest Creek Nation hospital/clinic or IHS facility. The patient must call the CHS office within 72 hours after the beginning of the treatment (this 72 hour period is extended for elderly 65 and older to 30 days).

For further information, contact the Contract Health Service Office at (918) 758-2710 or visit the Contract Health Offices in Okmulgee.

Eligibility for Creek Nation Contract Health Services must be established through Contract Health Service (CHS).

1. Must be eligible for direct patient care services provided by tribally operated Clinics and/ or IHS facilities. An individual is eligible if they are of Indian descent and a member of a federally recognized tribe;

2. Non-Indians may be eligible in these situations:

A non-Indian woman who is pregnant with an eligible Indian's child through pregnancy and postpartum; A non-Indian member of an eligible Indian's household who resides within the CN service area is eligible for CHS if the Medical Officer in charge determines that services are necessary to control a public health hazard or an acute infectious disease; A non-Indian under 19 years old who is an adopted child, stepchild, foster child, legal ward or orphan of an eligible Indian.

3. Patient must reside within the Creek Nation CHS service area. (Please see map identifying the service boundary). The CHS boundary is established by the Indian Health Service and does not include the entire Creek Nation jurisdictional area.

4. Out-of-state residents are not eligible for CHS funds.

5. You must use all other resources to pay for your medical care, such as Medicare, Medicaid, VA, Worker's Comp, Title 19, Sooner Care, automobile insurance, and/ or group health insurance.

6. CHS is a Payor of last resort

The priority system helps patients have equal opportunity for specialty services and to make sure the funds are used to give the best possible benefits.

New Elderly Housing Complex in use, receives first resident

by Josh Slane

The Elderly Housing Complex is no longer vacant, having received its first resident in Rebecca Autaubo on November 30. She certainly took to the house quickly enough saying proudly, "This is my home," as she welcomed us inside.

As we walked through the rooms of her house for the first time she told us how she was looking forward to this ever since she received the letter stating she could move in. She also shared how she would go and look in the windows of the different houses, and how she got the one she wanted the most. "It seems like a dream come true," she said.

However, Rebecca would not be the only tenant for long. Five more tenants were allowed to move in during the first week of December and three more are scheduled to be moved in the second week.

Other tenants are expected to be able to move in by the end of January. The complex can currently house up to 16 families.

But getting in to the housing complex isn't as easy as it seems. To be eligible, prospective elders must be over 55, though preference is given to those that are 62 or older.

Tenants must have some form of monthly income. The lease charge is based on the tenant's income, totalling 15% of their annual income spread over a year's time, with equal payments each month, with a minimum of \$75 a month.

The houses in the complex are not what you would expect for only a small fee. They have 2 bed rooms, a washing machine and dryer, a range, dishwasher, refrigerator, garbage disposal, and a safe room. Some of the houses are handicap accessible.

The Elderly Complex is equipped with 24 hour security, and an Emergency Call System, which will transmit a help needed signal from their home to the office, or if the office is closed, to 911 emergency.

And as good as the complex is now, its future is only looking up. Title 6 is planning to move over to the complex, and bring its Elderly Nutrition program, with its noon meal. As this

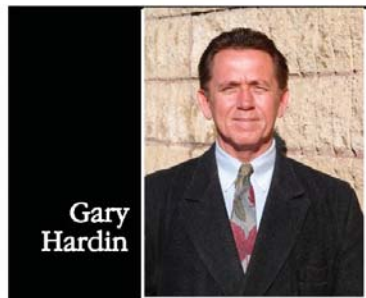
happens, events such as domino games, chess, checkers, and card games will take off. Also the multipurpose room is available for the tenants or guests to exercise, have health screenings or seminars, and even available to tribal members for their own functions that would require a large amount of space, such as wedding receptions. There are also plans to expand the complex from

16 apartments to 25 apartments sometime in the near future.

To learn more about the elderly housing, or to apply residence at the complex, please contact Linda Lowe, the Elderly Housing Manager, at (918) 752-3293 or e-mail her at llowe@creeknationhousing.org.



Linda Lowe, left, congratulates Rebecca Autaubo on being the first resident to move in the Elderly Housing Complex.



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Headlands Indian Health Careers Program

NORMAN — The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is now accepting applications for its 2005 Headlands Indian Health Careers Program, to be held June 5 through July 30, 2005 on the OU Norman campus.

American Indian high school seniors and first-year college students, who are interested in pursuing a career in the health professions, are encouraged to apply for this intense eight-week enrichment program offering mini-block courses in calculus, chemistry, physics, and biology. These courses are designed to increase the students' knowledge and prepare them for the required college-level math and science course work in pre-health programs.

Students again will gain experience in the laboratory, strengthen their communication and writing skills, and attend interactive presentations at OU Health Science Center colleges of Public Health, Allied Health, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Nursing. Field excursions to health clinics and hospitals also are included.

Travel, lodging, and meal expenses will be provided for each student accepted into the program.

Applications for the Headlands program can be found at www.headlands.ouhsc.edu or call (405) 271-2250. Application deadline is March 15, 2005.

The Headlands program is sponsored by Oklahoma Native American EXPORT Center with funding from the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities of the National Institutes of Health.

Woman's Technology Program

MICHIGAN — The Women's Technology Program at MIT is a four week summer residence program designed to introduce high school girls to electrical engineering and computer science (EECS). Any girls who are currently a high school junior who have demonstrated math and science ability with an interest in finding out about EECS should visit their website to get more information and to get an application at <http://wtp.mit.edu>.

Classes are taught in a supportive environment by a staff of women MIT PhD candidates and undergraduates. The full-time academic program includes hands-on experiments and team-based projects in computer science, electrical engineering, and mathematics. No prior experience is required, but applicants typically have strong academic records, especially in math and science.

Archery Challenge

TAHLEQUAH — The Cherokee Cornstalk Society is inviting other archers to come to it's monthly games. The use of cornstalk targets and cornstalk points for arrow points are used during the competition.

The society is also planning to run a tournament in the Spring and would like the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to have a team representing the tribe

present at the competition. For more information, or if you would like to be a part of, or be captain of, a Muscogee Nation team, please contact Debra Grayson at (918) 453-0794.

Child Development Community Centers awarded

HOLDENVILLE — On January 5, the Holdenville Child Development Community Center became a 2 star facility and the Okmulgee Child Development Center became a 1 star plus facility. Tonya Gordon has just received her CDA certificate.

Community Center Leaders Sworn In and Trained

OKMULGEE — The officers of the community centers were officially sworn into office on Saturday January 8 by Honorable Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court Justice Judge Amos McNac.

After the swearing in ceremony, the officers received training in various tax laws and regulations. This training was put on by the Community Research and Development Department.

Senior Spelling Bee

OKMULGEE — Senior citizens are invited to participate in a spelling bee at 2:00 p.m. on March 8 at Eastern Oklahoma Development District Area Agency on Aging, 1012 N. 38th St.

If you live in Adair, Cherokee, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Sequoyah, or Wagoner County and are 60 years old or older, you are eligible to participate.

Five places will be awarded with first and second place winners competing in the State Senior Spelling Bee on May 4 at the Oklahoma State Conference on Aging in Midwest City.

For more information or to register, contact

Karen Sedberry at (918) 682-7891 or the Senior Info-Line at 1 (800) 211-2116.

In the Spirit of Resistance

VANCOUVER B.C. — Mandy Rose and Ange Sterritt will be producing their annual show, "In the Spirit of Resistance," in Vancouver B.C. on April 30, at the UBC Great Hall, The Sty-Wet-Tan at the First Nations House of Learning at UBC in Vancouver B.C.

This production will be a joint effort of The International Indigenous Youth Conference (IIYC) Secretariat and In Spirit of Resistance.

The production will be a chance for young Indigenous people from different walks of life to come together and learn not only about the IIYC Conference, which will bring 200 youth from around the world to the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Center in June 2005, but also learn how our people are working towards sustainability, autonomy, empowerment, unity, and solidarity in the midst of globalization and liberalization.

The goal of this event is that high schools, youth centers, programs, and organizations can pull together to help unite as many youth as possible.

There will be a number of traditional and contemporary performances, spoken word, speakers, and some visual presentations via film and art.

Performers and speakers will receive an honorarium. Volunteers are needed for: driving youth to and from UBC, some class 4 drivers will be needed; child care; food preparation; getting the word out electronically, via posters and by word of mouth; and set up and take down.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, contact Ange Sterritt at (604) 562-1082.

Tribe launches first tribally funded Reintegration Program for ex-offenders

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee Nation's Tribal and Health Administration met on December 16, to organize and launch a first tribally funded Reintegration Program for ex-offenders.

The program is designed to provide protection to society, while making available a comprehensive resource service delivery to youthful and adult offenders through collaboration and partnership of various local, state, and federal agencies. The program was spearheaded by National Council representative Keeper Johnson.

The Reintegration Program is established under Behavioral Health Services with Dr. Elise Taylor, Director. It was mentioned during the

meeting it is important that all Muscogee (Creek) Nation's programs and staff need to fully support Dr. Taylor's efforts in implementing this program and Mary Lee of Vocational Rehabilitation Program to actively and aggressively conduct all business of the Reintegration Program. Dr. Vark, Acting CEO, Division of Health Administration, was also present and assisted in making this meeting a success.



A group of 11 Tribal and Health Administration members came together to discuss the structure of the Reintegration Program.

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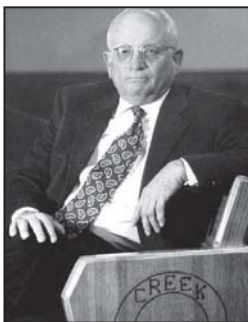
By

Patrick E. Moore

The blowgun was a hunting weapon used by several different Native American tribes in North America and many in South and Central America. The use of the blowgun dates from the dawn of civilization, even though some current anthropologists believe the weapon was brought to the Americas from Asia approximately 300 years ago.

There is overwhelming evidence supporting the independent development of the blowgun in the Americas. Blowguns developed and used by natives in Asia were very short and blowguns developed and used in this hemisphere for millennia were always long sometimes over 10 feet in length. There is also no plausible explanation of how a recent introduction (300 years ago) of a blowgun invented by Asians could have found its way to what is now the southeastern United States. The blowgun was in use as a hunting weapon when Spanish invaders entered the Muscogee Confederacy in 1540 and blowguns are still used by Native Americans in the deepest jungles of the Amazon basin in areas only explored by outsiders during the last 20 years.

Southeastern natives had knowledge of and used the weapon but it was unknown to Native Americans from other areas of North America with the possible exception of the Hopis who to-



day still perform a ceremony involving the blowing of a feather through a cane tube.

South American natives made use of poison darts, but North American blowgun hunters did not, the weapon was used only for hunting small game and sport, never in war.

The blowgun is a very accurate hunting device and the North American hunter did not need poison to bring down small game; in addition the blowgun is very quiet and coupled with the stalking abilities of the Native American hunter made it a very efficient hunting weapon.

The blowgun was used by the Muscogee (Creek), Choctaw, Cherokee, Iroquois and all the tribes along the gulf coast. Northern tribes used walnut and sumac when constructing their blowguns and those tribes further south preferred native cane.

The blowgun was constructed by splitting a long section of cane, removing the solid sections, gluing the sections back together and wrapping the blowgun with sinew. The small end of the cane was always the muzzle functioning much as the choke on today's shotgun. The North American blowgun was from 8 to 10 feet in length and individually decorated by its owner.

Darts were made of oak approximately 1/8 inch diameter and often at least 1 foot long. Darts for the longer (10') blowguns were sometimes thicker (3/16") and over 2 feet in length. The darts were fletched with down, tied to the dart by string and spiraling down the shaft for up to 6". The point of the dart was whittled very sharp. Along the gulf coast and in the deep south some fletching

material was cotton.

Darts were carried in a small quiver very carefully made so that the darts were always protected. These quivers were very highly decorated with colorful designs of the owners choosing.

An expert could expel a dart with unbelievable speed, power and accuracy. Using a 10 foot blowgun a dart can be launched and hit a target 100 yards away with enough power to completely pierce game as large as the turkey.

Colonel Thomas McKenney, who was Superintendent of the Indian Trade Bureau & Head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the early 1800's, became intrigued with blowguns after meeting a Muscogee (Creek) boy named Mistippee in 1826. Mistippee was a mutation of the boy's real given name Benjamin. Mistippee was the son of Yoholo-Micco a powerful chief. This young Creek was an expert with the blowgun and Colonel McKenney described Mistippee's blowgun as

being a hollow reed, 10 feet long using arrows that were slivers of a white wood with one end barbed and the other wrapped with thistle down.

Mistippee allowed McKenney to shoot his blowgun and



McKenney reported he could launch a dart with all the speed and accuracy of a rifle ball. He also wrote that Mistippee could snuff out a candle 4 out of 5 tries and could bring down birds in flight with a single shot. There are written reports of the blowgun being used to shoot hummingbirds for use as ceremonial decorations.

The blowgun is still in use in isolated areas of North America and extensively in Central and South America today.

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but two persons. In pursuing these they found a white dog, which they slew. They followed the two who escaped, until they came again to the white path, and saw the smoke of a town, and thought that this must be the people they had so long been seeking. This is the place where now the tribe of Palachucolas live, from whom Tomochichi is descended. (footnote: Tomochichi was chief of the Yamacraw tribe, settled where Savannah now stands when Oglethorpe established his colony.)"

"The Cussitaws continued bloody-minded; but the Palachucolas gave them black drink, as a sign of friendship, and said to them: 'Our hearts are white, and yours must be white, and you must lay down the bloody tomahawk, and show your bodies as a proof that they shall be white.' Nevertheless, they were for the tomahawk; but the Palachucolas got it by persuasion, buried it under their beds. The Palachucolas likewise gave them white feathers, and asked to have a chief in common. Since then they have always lived together."

"Some settled on one side of the river, some on the other. Those on one side are called Cussetaws, those on the other, Cowetas; yet they are one people,

and the principal towns of the Upper and Lower Creeks. Nevertheless, as the Cussetaws first saw the red smoke and the red fire, and make bloody towns, they cannot yet leave their red hearts, which are, however, white on one side and red on the other. They now know that the white path was the best for them: for, although Tomochichi was a stranger, they see he has done them good; because he went to see the great King with Esquire Oglethorpe, and hear his talk, and had related it to them, and they had listened to it, and believed it." **THUS ENDS CHIKILLI's Narrative.**

There are a few more brief narrations concerning the origin and these will be related in the next issue. *Mvto.*

INSIDE STATE QUESTION 712: WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN?

In November 2004, the people of the state of Oklahoma expressed their opinions and voices by exercising their right to vote. There were many important issues on the ballot which had a direct impact on the Native American people of Oklahoma. One of the questions that was voted on which will effect tribes tremendously was SQ 712. The question passed by about 60 percent but do voters know what all the state question entails, what it really means and what happens now?

When important issues are voted on there is always two sides to the story. In order to better serve the public, we have broken down the issue of SQ 712 into a two part segment - pros and cons. In this month’s issue we will be examining the pros with the cons to follow in next month’s issue. This will allow you, the Creek Citizen to have a clearer idea of just what the passage of SQ 712 means to you.

SQ 712, also known as the Education and Jobs Referendum, is a measure that enacts the State-Tribal Gaming Act. The Act contains a Model Tribal Gaming Compact offered to federally recognized Indian Tribes. The compact term is 15 years with automatic renewal for additional successive terms. If at least 4 tribes enter into the compact, it will not only allow more gaming to tribes but it will allow the racetracks of the state to operate gaming.

What this means: Indian tribes that agree to the compact can use new types of gaming machines which will be used for gambling. The compact will allow those tribes who signed to offer card games such as video poker, blackjack and tournament-style card games as well as other non-house backed card games and electronic bingo games that work more like Las Vegas slot machines. Whereas the Act limits the number of gaming machines racetracks can use to 3 types of new games, the Act does not limit the number of machines that Native American tribes can use.

The compact is designed to have at least 4 tribes enter into it. However, once a tribe signs it, the model gaming compact becomes effective. The requirement of having 4 tribes sign is specific to racetracks. As of today, 4 tribes have already signed and the bill is now

in Washington, D.C. awaiting the signature of the Secretary of Interior.

The new law is expected to bring 10,000 new electronic games to the state. Only four states would have more machines - Nevada, New Jersey, Mississippi and California. With the addition of so many games, the number of employees each casino hires will increase dramatically. The addition of so many jobs will not only benefit the tribes but will prove to be a huge step in lowering the unemployment rate for the entire state and increasing not only the economic development of the people but the overall welfare of tribes. A number of tribes who have already signed the compact, have already began to install the new machines into their casinos and have already begun hiring more people.

In regards to education, the new law is estimated to bring in \$71 million per year in new revenues for education in Oklahoma. A total of 88% of the revenues will be distributed to local schools on a per student basis. The other 12% will provide college scholarships for Oklahoma students. Based on Morgan Quito’s ranking for state education, Oklahoma rates 40 out of 50 states academically. Based on Nationally Education Association’s findings, in regards to teachers’ salaries, Oklahoma ranks 46 out of 50 in lowest wages for teachers. With these statistical findings, the entire state is affected. With the passage of SQ 712, not only the state but tribes as well are hoping the increased revenue will assist in making a much needed change in education. Our teachers will cease to look out of state for jobs and will want to work within Oklahoma providing for our students. The anticipated income will be able to provide the essential materials students require. Presently, there are quite a number of teachers that are having to pay for materials needed for their classrooms out of their own pockets.

There are many benefits to the passage of SQ 712 such as an increase in revenue for tribes, more jobs and more funding put into educational system of Oklahoma but there is also the “other side” to the story. We hope the information that has been provided has shown the *pro* to the side. In next month’s issue we will examine the *con* side. There are a few tribes left who have not signed, next month you will be able to see the reasons for those concerns and just exactly why those few tribes still have not signed and the grounds for their positions.

Creek Nation Tulsa Casino proudly recognizes 2004 Employee and Supervisor of the Year

TULSA — A business is measured for success by many different factors. One of the most overlooked yet most obvious determining contributors to the success of a business are the employees. Creek Nation Tulsa Casino has acknowledged the fact and is proud to recognize two outstanding employees who have not only contributed to the achievements of the casino but more importantly have gone above and beyond in customer service. The two recipients for the award are 2004 Supervisor of the Year Ms. Judy Kious and 2004 Employee of the Year Ms. Sharry Barnes.

Judy Kious joined Creek Nation Tulsa Casino in 2001 and now serves as Supervisor of Paper Inventory. Judy is a great role model for her employees and resource to her managers. She demonstrates great leadership and resourcefulness and is always willing to go the extra mile. Judy has served as the chairperson for the employee committee for the past three years, getting all of the employees and upper management involved in the meetings and keeping them updated. She has also worked very hard getting everything together for employee events such as the Summer and Christmas parties.

Sharry Barnes joined Creek Nation Tulsa Casino in November 2003 working in the Electronic Games Department and was promoted to EG/Tech Supervisor in September 2004. Sherry has proven to be a strong employee. Sherry’s customer service is always friendly, upbeat and consistent. She is on a first name basis with many regular accountability, completing the tasks in an effective and timely manner showing high work ethics. Congratulation ladies, keep up the good work!

National Indian Gaming Association Endorses Artrain USA

The National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) announced its endorsement of Artrain USA’s national touring art exhibition *Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture*. The contemporary Native American exhibiton is touring coast to coast through December 2007 and will reach over 100 communities nationwide. Artrain USA is currently finishing its 2004 schedule with an eight-city Texas tour.

Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture displays more than 70 contemporary artworks by 54 living Native American artists from over 45 Native American nations. Visitors to the tours will discover the richness, complexity and breadth of contemporary Native American art while examining varying perspective on society and dispelling and confronting many stereotypes that currently define Native Americans.

Artrain USA is a nonprofit organization originating from Ann Arbor, MI. Its mission is to enrich lives and build communities through the arts. An art museum housed in vintage rail cars that travels via the nation’s railways, Artrain USA brings world class art exhibitions and art education programs to communities and their residents. Since its inception in 1971, it has welcomed more than 2.9 million visitors during 730 stops in 44 states.

For more information about Artrain USA and to see images from *Native Views* visit Artrain USA’s website at www.ArtrainUSA.org or call 1-800-ART-1971.

Creek Nation Tulsa Casino recognizes December 2004 Employee of the Month

TULSA — Deborah Barrett shows a personal interest in all of the employees, helping them to better serve their departments and make them more efficient. She also resolves conflicts on the floor and ensures our customers’ visits are fun and entertaining. Deborah goes above and beyond as a Manager on Duty, keeping late hours, spending extra time to get the job done and see it through, as well as continually taking on new responsibilities. She has surpassed goals and objectives and has shown tremendous amount of initiative over and over again helping out whenever and wherever she is needed. Deborah emphasizes to the Electronic Gaming employees the importance of team building and having all departments work together. Thank you Deborah for you hard work and commitment!

All gaming information must be submitted by the 7th of each month in order to run in the next month’s issue.

A fixture in Native American churches, Shofar or ram's horn, published in Smithsonian's handbook

OKMULGEE — The Smithsonian Institution, called the Nation's attic for collecting items from American history, has just published the volume on Southeastern Indian as number 14 in its Handbook of North American Indians series of basic reference tools. In the volume on page 750 is a photograph of unique shofar horns used at Prairie Springs and at Hvtce Cvpv churches.

Ruth Troccoli, the photograph researcher at the Smithsonian contacted Blue Clark at Oklahoma City University. She requested his help in obtaining photographs to illustrate the volume. He in turn, contacted his aunt, Mary Betsey Gooden and the late George Bunny for guidance in finding the items. Ted Isham at the Creek Council House Museum led him to Alfred Berryhill. The latter put him in touch with Rusty Powell.

On October 11, 2002, Clark, Isham and Powell met Myron Fixicio and traveled to Prai-

rie Springs Indian Baptist Church where Fixicio is a deacon. There they photographed the cast iron axle wheel housing horn. All of them turned around and went to Hvtce Cvpv Indian Baptist Church where John Micco hosted them as they photographed the marine shell horn that church member Barton Looney has used.

Individuals used the shofar or ram's horn in ancient times to announce events, to call for aid in wartime, and to proclaim crises. A variety of horns, such as the wakv-yype, cow horn, have been used for a long time among creeks. They are now mostly metal and are used to summon worshippers for services. Curator Isham added the photographs to the museum's collections. Clark expresses his Myto Rakke, (big thanks) to the members of the churches for sharing their knowledge and permitting the photographs he hopes future generations of readers learn from them the material provided to the Smithsonian.



Creek Council House is offering cultural classes

OKMULGEE — The 2004 Council House began their Fall Arts program they offered leather working class for adults on Friday evening December 10 and all day Saturday December 11 at the Creek Council House Museum. The turnout was with ten participants on Friday and five participants on Saturday.

The goal was to train teachers who will be willing to pass on these skills to the next generation. To achieve this goal, Jay McGirt will teach the students, in a hands-on traditional method, the intricate art of Mvskoke leatherwork.

McGirt is a Seminole-Creek textile artist who has

researched and created traditional clothing for over twenty years. He has served three internships with the Smithsonian Institution studying traditional Southeastern clothing and his work can be seen in their collections, as well as many other world renowned museums.

This program is offered to the community by the Creek Council House Museum and Creek Nation's Office of Cultural and Preservation, and is sponsored in part by funding from the Oklahoma Endowment for the Arts.

Another class taught by McGirt is scheduled for late January and early February. This class he will be

teaching Pucker toe Moccasins, Creek style. McGirt's classes are popular and fill up quickly this class is almost to capacity, a few limited spaces are available now. There is no charge to attend but class size is limited, so please call to reserve your space.

The classes will be at the Creek Council House and participants are asked to bring something for the potluck lunch. Again, call and reserve a spot quickly we have twelve signed up from a previous class that was cancelled, we have room for eight or nine people. Contact Ted Isham at the Creek Council House (918) 756-2324.

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Falls Creek, a place where thousands of people come together

DAVIS — J.B. Rounds and W.D. Moore founded Falls Creek in 1917, which sits atop Arbuckle Mountains in the rustic wilderness of southern Oklahoma.

They first viewed the Falls Creek property in a photograph on a barber shop wall. They were immediately attracted to the 160 acre parcel and agreed it was the place for the annual Summer meetings of the Baptist Young People's Union.

One early report indicates that 273 people registered for the first assembly. Since 1917, over 1.8 million people have walked the grounds. The summer of 2003 witnessed 43,685 campers at Falls Creek. More missionaries have experienced their call to a lifetime of service at Falls Creek than at any other place on the face of the earth.

Falls Creek is a place where thousands of people, young and old, come together to hear God's Word proclaimed and to respond to the Holy Spirit's call to salvation.

Falls Creek receives no cooperative program funds for its maintenance and operation. All of the funds are received through registration fees and rentals, concessions, grocery, cafeteria, gift shop, offerings and endowment earnings.

Master plans for the improvement and replacement of deteriorating facilities at Falls Creek are in place. The plans are called For the Sake of the Call and Save-a-Seat Campaign. The campaigns are a special fund raising effort to secure financial gifts to help with construction and upgrades of Falls Creek.

The first priority of the campaign will be the tabernacle. It will be expanded for increased seating capacity on several occasions, there has been no major renovation project undertaken on the tabernacle since its construction in 1929. During the summer months, temperatures often exceed 100 degrees. In the fall and winter months, temperatures become cold for meetings in the open-air tabernacle and is closed. The plan is to raise \$16.6 million for the tabernacle.

The 73-year old open-air tabernacle will be replaced with an enclosed climate controlled worship center. While the new 109,000 square foot facility will accommodate 7,056 and will be handicap accessible, it can also be configured to ac-

commodate smaller sized crowds, depending on the type of meeting. State of the art audio/video and broadcast technology will enhance the Falls Creek experience.

The second priority is, a two-story, 43,000 square foot conference and training complex adjacent to the tabernacle will provide an attractive environment and functional space for other types of meetings during the year, which are now limited in their use of Falls Creek. The approximate cost for the this construction is \$1.65 million and will also include the relocation of the swimming pool).

The third is the construction of a second entrance, the building of new roads and the widening of existing streets will improve the flow of traffic and assure the safety of campers. New parking lots will provide 400 additional spaces for buses and vans. The approximate cost for this project will be \$4.7 million.

All donations go toward building costs and improvements to Falls Creek. Another way that you can help is the Save-a-Seat Campaign.

Remember those hot summer nights in the open-air tabernacle at Falls Creek? As you sat there you couldn't help but notice the thousands of names scrawled on the old wooden benches. Then, you fought the urge to inscribe your own name. You thought it's a little

late for anyone to be upset, so you did it. Since 1917, countless numbers have written their names on the benches and into the history of Falls Creek. During that time almost 200,000 decisions for Christ have been made while sitting in those seats.

Through the Falls Creek Save-A-Seat Campaign you can once again, or maybe for the first time, inscribe your name into the history of Falls Creek by purchasing a seat in the new tabernacle.

The deadline to purchase a seat was December 31st. They have 7,000 seats in the tabernacle with 3,000 seats sold. In the last month they have received over \$900. There are still seats available.

There is still time to 'Save-a-Seat' because the deadline has been extended until March 31, 2005. For each \$500 gift, you can inscribe a seat

in the new tabernacle. For your family, in honor or in memory of grandparents or parents who helped you grow into the person you are today, recognized that new grandbaby who one day will walk the dusty streets of Falls Creek and sit in

"his/her seat" in the new tabernacle, surprise the love of your life by inscribing the date you were married, let tens of thousands know the date you became a Christian, or honor the memory of one who gave his or her life to defend the liberty we enjoy. For you church, in recognition of that special anniversary or milestone, in honor or in memory of that faithful pastor who served, not just

your church, but also the entire community, recognize the Sunday school teacher, youth minister or music leader who poured his or her life into yours or honor the couple that was always there to help, never asking for anything in return.

A \$20 deposit will "hold" your seat while you give the balance over a 24-month period of \$20 per month. The inscription details are four lines with 25 characters per line with space and punctuation included.

You may order on-line at www.FallsCreekSeats.org, by phone at 1-800-690-6933 or you may cut out the order form below. Payment options are as follows: check/money order (on the memo line please write: "Save-a-Seat"); credit card; or automatic bank draft.

If you do not wish to "Save-a-Seat" but want to help in a different way you may donate any monetary gift and have a donor name plate on the wall of the foyer in the new tabernacle.



An artist rendering of the new Tabernacle.

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Mail completed form to:
Falls Creek Save-a-Seat Campaign
BGCO
3800 N. May Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Muscogee National Council overview

OKMULGEE — The following consists of actions of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council conducted at the October 30, quarterly session.

October 30, Quarterly session

Absent were: **Nancy Watson**, Okfuskee District; **Sandra Golden**, Okfuskee District; **Shirlene Ade**, Tukvpytce District; **Larry Bible**, Tulsa District; **Ronald Cleghorn**, Tulsa District;

Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

Veto message:

- veto (20-0-0) NCA 04-132, authorizing a special appropriation to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Trade and Commerce Authority for the renovation of the Cromwell Travel Plaza;

In order of business the Council:

- approved (20-0-0) TR 04-119, supporting the juvenile delinquency prevention and services project proposed by Children and Family Services Administration in its application for FY 2004 Tribal Youth program funding from the office of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, Office of Justice programs, U.S. Department of Justice;

voting yes by district: **George Tiger**, Creek District; **Duke Harjo**, Creek District; **Roger Barnett**, Creek District; **Tom Pickering**, McIntosh District; **Anthony Notaro**, McIntosh District; **Thomas McIntosh**, McIntosh District; **Sandra Parish**, Muskogee District; **Sue Johnson**, Muskogee District; **Lena Wind**, Okfuskee District; **Robert Jones**, Okmulgee District; **Keeper Johnson**, Okmulgee District; **Billy Chalakee**, Okmulgee; **Rita Williams**, Okmulgee District; **David Nichols**, Okmulgee District; **Lola Fields**, Tukvptce District; **Cherrah Quiett**, Tulsa District; **Robert Hufft**, Tulsa District; **Jesse Kelley**, Tulsa District; **Richard Berryhill**, Wagoner District; **Barbara Gillespie**, Wagoner District;

- approved (20-0-0) TR 04-121, approving the selection of contractors and authorizing the Principal Chief on behalf of the Housing Division to execute the contracts for rehabilitation repair work;

- approved (19-0-1) NCA 04-164, authorizing a special appropriation to teach the Creek language to twenty-four (24) Muscogee (Creek) chartered communities;

abstain were: **Gillespie**, Wagoner District;

- approved (14-5-1) NCA 04-169, authorizing a special appropriation for a Creek family in need of financial assistance for legal fees associated with the resolution of the cause of death of their daughter;

voting no were: **Notaro**, McIntosh; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Fields**, Tukvptce; **Berryhill**, Wagoner; **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

abstain were: **Quiett**, Tulsa;

- approved (19-1-0) NCA 04-173, authorizing a special appropriation to GSA to purchase three (3) electric power plants and four (4) water buffaloes;

voting no were: **Berryhill**, Wagoner;

- approved to return to committee (15-8-0) NCA 04-177, amending MCNCA Title 21, §4-103, B., to add new two new subsections pertaining to

specific authority, powers and responsibilities to the gaming operations authority board;

voting no were: **Tiger**, Creek; **Barnett**, Creek; **Parish**, Muskogee; **Chalakee**, Okmulgee; **Williams**, Okmulgee;

- approved (20-0-0) NCA 04-187, allowing the workforce investment act/comprehensive service program to modify their budget above the 10% allowable limit in order to close out the remaining funds for program year 2003;

- approved (17-3-0) NCA 04-188, amending NCA 04-131, (a law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending title 16, chapter four of the code of laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and amending and repealing certain laws to reorganize the existing structure of lighthorse police);

voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **Wind**, Okfuskee; **Fields**, Tukvptce;

- approved (19-0-1) NCA 04-189, authorizing a special appropriation for payment of medical expenses for a disabled Muscogee (Creek) citizens abstain were: **Quiett**, Tulsa District;

- approved (13-7-0) NCA 04-192, appropriating funds for the construction of a new Muscogee (Creek) Nation Okmulgee head start building,

voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **Notaro**, McIntosh; **McIntosh**, McIntosh; **Fields**, Tukvptce; **Quiett**, Tulsa; **Kelley**, Tulsa; **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

- approved (20-0-0) NCA 04-193, authorizing a special appropriation to the little cussetah methodist church to replace the existing heating/air conditioning unit with a new replacement unit,

- approved (11-9-0) NCA 04-195, amending MCNCA title 21, §4-103, E., entitled “meeting of the board; open meeting requirements”

voting no were: **Tiger**, Creek; **Pickering**, McIntosh; **McIntosh**, McIntosh; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Nichols**, Okmulgee; **Quiett**, Tulsa; **Hufft**, Tulsa; **Kelley**, Tulsa; **Berryhill**, Wagoner;

- approved (20-0-0) NCA 04-196, authorize an appropriation to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation division of health administration, diabetes prevention program for the 2004-2005 school diabetes program “move it and prevent diabetes”

- approved (16-4-0) NCA 04-197, authorizing a special appropriation to the Euchee language preservation project for the development of new teaching tools to aid in the preservation of the euchee language and related cultural information

voting no were: **Parish**, Muskogee; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Berryhill**, Wagoner; **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

- approved (19-1-0) NCA 04-198, amending MCNCA Title 19, §11-106, A., Entitled;

voting no were: **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee;

- approved (19-0-1) NCA 04-199, repealing NCA 04-182 (a law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation creating the office of the internal auditor within the executive branch of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and codifying said law in Title 37 of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation code annotated);

representatives **Pickering** and **K. Johnson** were out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (17-1-0) NCA 04-201, authorizing a special appropriation to the Muscogee (Creek)

Nation Tribal Trade and Commerce Authority for the care of buffalo donated to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation;

voting no were: **Fields**, Tukvptce;

representative **Pickering** were out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (19-0-0) NCA 04-202, authorizing a special appropriation to the Creek Chapel Indian Methodist Church.

November 9th, Extraordinary session

Absent were: **David Nichols**, Okmulgee District; **Cherrah Quiett**, Tulsa District

Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

In order of business the Council:

- approved to remove from Standing Committee (14-9-0) TR 04-113, Approving the business plan of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribal trade and commerce authority for agricultural services

voting yes were: **George Tiger**, Creek District;

Duke Harjo, Creek District; **Roger Barnett**, Creek District; **Anthony Notaro**, McIntosh District; **Thomas McIntosh**, McIntosh District; **Sandra Parish**, Muskogee District; **Nancy Watson**, Okfuskee District; **Lena Wind**, Okfuskee District; **Sandra Golden**, Okfuskee District; **Robert Jones**, Okmulgee District; **Billy Chalakee**, Okmulgee District; **Rita Williams**, Okmulgee District; **Jesse Kelley**, Tulsa District; **Richard Berryhill**, Tulsa District;

- approved to remove from standing committee (18-5-0) TR 04-123, authorizing the Principal Chief to a “abbreviated standard form of agreement between owner and architect” and a “standard form of agreement between owner and contractor where the basis of payment is a stipulated sum” for renovations and sprung building addition to Creek Nation Tulsa Casino,

voting no were: **Pickering**, McIntosh; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Fields**, Tukvptce; **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

- failed to remove from standing committee (13-10-0) NCA 04-003, declaring no confidence in **Montie Deer** to serve in the capacity of attorney general and requesting his resignation,

voting no were: **Pickering**, McIntosh; **Notaro**, McIntosh; **McIntosh**, McIntosh **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Fields**, Tukvptce; **Bible**, Tulsa; **Kelley**, Tulsa; **Berryhill**, Wagoner; **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

Representative **Quiett** arrived before vote count was taken.

- failed to remove from standing committee (16-8-0) NCA 04-176, amending MCNCA title 1, Chapter 1 and title 37, §2-210 to allow the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Trade & Commerce authority to manage agricultural projects on the nation’s property;

voting no were: **Barnett**, Creek; **Pickering**, McIntosh; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Wind**, Okfuskee; **Ade**, Tukvptce; **Fields**, Tukvptce; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa; and **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

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- approved to remove from committee, (24-0-0) NCA 04-205, repealing TR 04-031 (a tribal resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation repealing TR 03-094 and confirming the nomination of Victoria Lee to serve as the Director for the Division of Health Administration;
 - approved to remove from committee, (24-0-0) NCA 04-209, amending NCA 03-242 (a law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation appropriating funds for the purchase, construction, and erection of a sprung building that will be constructed and built as an addition to the Creek Nation Tulsa Casino to provide extra floor space for additional electronic gaming machines) to properly reflect the total renovation project at Creek Nation Tulsa Casino;
 - approved to remove from committee (16-2-6) NCA 04-212, amending NCA 03-242 (a law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation appropriating funds for the purchase, constructed and built as an addition to the Creek Nation Tulsa Casino to provide extra floor space for additional electronic gaming machines) to properly reflect the total renovation project at Creek Nation Tulsa Casino;
 - voting no were: **Barnett**, Creek; **Berryhill**, Wagoner;
 - abstain were: **Parish**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **Williams**, Okmulgee; **Fields**, Tukvptvce; **Quiett**, Tulsa;
 - representative **Nichols** arrived before vote count was taken;
 - approved to return to committee (25-0-0) TR 04-123, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute an “abbreviated standard form of agreement between owner and architect” and a “standard form of agreement between owner and contractor where the basis of payment is a stipulated sum” for renovations and sprung building addition to Creek Nation Tulsa Casino;
 - approved to return to committee (25-0-0) NCA 04-205, repealing TR 04-031 (a tribal resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation repealing TR 03-094 and confirming the nomination of Victoria Lee to serve as the director for the Division of Health Administration;
 - approved to return to committee (25-0-0) NCA 04-209, amending NCA 03-242 (a law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation appropriating funds for the purchase, construction, and erection of a sprung building
 - approved (24-1-0) NCA 04-206, authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the veterans affairs office for the remainder of fiscal year 2005,
 - abstain were: **Golden**, Okfuskee;
 - approved (21-4-0) NCA 04-207, authorizing a special appropriation to the town of Dustin to replace equipment and supplies;
 - voting no were: **Parish**, Muskogee; **S. Johnson**, Okmulgee;

Watson, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee;

- approved (17-8-0) NCA 04-208, authorizing a special appropriation to the Moss public school for a multipurpose facility;
 - voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **Parish**, Muskogee; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Hufft**, Tulsa; **Gillespie**, Wagoner;
 - approved (24-1-0) NCA 04-210, amending MCNCA Title 37, 62-129, entitled “Morrow Indian Children’s Home”;
 - voting no were: **Golden**, Okfuskee;
 - approved (24-1-0) NCA 04-211, authorizing a special appropriation to the 24 Muscogee (Creek) Chartered Communities subsection pertaining to specific authority, powers and responsibilities to the gaming operations authority board,
 - voting no were: **Tiger**, Creek; **Barnett**, Creek; **Parish**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **Chalakee**, Okmulgee; **Williams**, Okmulgee; **Ade**, Tukvptvce; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa; **Hufft**, Tulsa; **Berryhill**, Wagoner;
 - approved (24-1-0) NCA 04-206, authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the veterans affairs office for the remainder of fiscal year 2005,
 - abstain were: **Golden**, Okfuskee;
 - approved (21-4-0) NCA 04-207, authorizing a special appropriation to the town of Dustin to replace equipment and supplies;

representative **Cleghorn** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved to go into executive session (15-10-0) NCR 04-003, declaring no confidence in **Montie Deer** to serve in the capacity of attorney general and requesting his resignation;
 - voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **Pickering**, McIntosh; **Notaro**, McIntosh; **McIntosh**, McIntosh; **Parish**, Muskogee; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Nichols**, Okmulgee; **Ade**, Tukvptvce; **Fields**, Tukvptvce; and **Kelley**, Tulsa.

November 20, Regular session
 Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptvce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

Veto Message:

- Veto (22-3-0) NCA 04-195, amending MCNCA Title 21, §4-103, E., entitled “meetings of the board; open meetings requirements”
 - voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; and **Fields**, Tukvptvce;

In order of business the Council:

- approved to move to the end of agenda (21-3-1) TR 04-113, approving the business plan of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribal trade and commerce authority for agricultural services
 - voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **Wind**, Okfuskee; **Ade**, Tukvptvce; abstain were: **Gillespie**, Wagoner;
 - approved (21-4-0) TR 04-117, authorizing the Muscogee Nation business enterprise board to execute an attorney agreement between the Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise Board and Barrow & Grimm, P.C.
 - voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **Wind**, Okfuskee; **Quiett**, Tulsa; **Gillespie**, Wagoner;
 - approved (25-0-0) TR 04-124, authorizing the gaming operations authority board to extend the attorney agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Gaming Operations Authority Board and **Michael Minnis & Associates**, P.C.
 - approved (17-8-0) TR 04-131, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a contract for the purchase of land in McIntosh County, Oklahoma for the purpose of constructing a health facility/senior assistant living center
 - voting no were: **Pickering**, McIntosh; **Notaro**, McIntosh; **McIntosh**, McIntosh **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Fields**, Tukvptvce; **Kelley**, Tulsa; **Berryhill**, Wagoner;
 - approved (25-0-0) NCA 04-163, appropriating funds for the purchase of ten (10) acres of land known as the overman property in Eufaula, Oklahoma for the purpose of housing and/or new health clinic,
 - approved to return to committee (17-8-0) NCA 04-165, authorizing a special appropriation to American Red Cross for the continuance of services in Okmulgee and Okfuskee counties,
 - voting no were: **Barnett**, Creek; **Jones**, Okmulgee; **Chalakee**, Okmulgee; **Williams**, Okmulgee; **Nichols**, Okmulgee; **Bible**, Tulsa; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa; **Kelley**, Tulsa;

• approved to be moved to end of agenda (25-0-0) NCA 04-176, amending MCNCA title 1, chapter 1 and title 37, §2-210 to allow the Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribal trade & commerce authority to manage agricultural projects on the nations’s property,

- approved to postpone action (14-11-0) NCA 04-177, amending MCNCA Title 21, §4-103, B., to add new two new subsection pertaining to specific authority, powers and responsibilities to the gaming operations authority board,
 - voting no were: **Tiger**, Creek; **Barnett**, Creek; **Parish**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **Chalakee**, Okmulgee; **Williams**, Okmulgee; **Ade**, Tukvptvce; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa; **Hufft**, Tulsa; **Berryhill**, Wagoner;
 - approved (24-1-0) NCA 04-206, authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the veterans affairs office for the remainder of fiscal year 2005,
 - abstain were: **Golden**, Okfuskee;
 - approved (21-4-0) NCA 04-207, authorizing a special appropriation to the town of Dustin to replace equipment and supplies;

voting no were: **Parish**, Muskogee; **S. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee;

- approved (17-8-0) NCA 04-208, authorizing a special appropriation to the Moss public school for a multipurpose facility;
 - voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **Parish**, Muskogee; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Hufft**, Tulsa; **Gillespie**, Wagoner;
 - approved (24-1-0) NCA 04-210, amending MCNCA Title 37, 62-129, entitled “Morrow Indian Children’s Home”;
 - voting no were: **Golden**, Okfuskee;
 - approved (24-1-0) NCA 04-211, authorizing a special appropriation to the 24 Muscogee (Creek) Chartered Communities for the purpose of enhancing and enriching the 2004 Christmas activities for citizens;
 - voting no were: **Golden**, Okfuskee;
 - died on the floor (25-0-0) NCA 04-212, amending NCA 03-242 (a law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation appropriating funds for the purchase, construction, and erection of a sprung building that will be constructed and built as an addition to the Creek Nation Tulsa Casino to provide extra floor space for additional electronic gaming machines) to properly reflect the total renovation project at Creek Nation Tulsa Casino;
 - approved (25-0-0) NCA 04-213, authorizing a the expenditure of the Office of Justice programs fiscal year 2004 Tribal Youth program award to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Children and Family Services Administration;
 - approved (25-0-0) NCA 04-214, authorizing a special appropriation for repairs and improvements to the property of an elderly member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation living outside the boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in the Strang, Oklahoma area;
 - approved as amended (25-0-0) NCA 04-220, authorizing a special appropriation to assist Muscogee (Creek) churches and ceremonial grounds for their Christmas celebration;
 - approved (25-0-0) NCA 04-218, appropriating funds for first year start-up costs associated with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Oklahoma Tribal University;
 - approved (21-3-1) TR 04-113, approving the business plan of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Trade and Commerce Authority for agricultural services;
 - voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **Wind**, Okfuskee; and **Ade**, Tukvptvce;
 - abstain were: **Gillespie**, Wagoner;
 - approved (21-4-0) NCA 04-176, amending MCNCA Title 1, chapter 1 and title 37, §2-210 to allow the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Trade & Commerce Authority to manage agricultural projects on the nation’s property;
 - voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **Wind**, Okfuskee; **Ade**, Tukvptvce; and **Gillespie**, Wagoner.

November 22, Emergency session
 Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptvce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

absent were: **Jones**, Okmulgee; **Ade**, Tukvptvce; **Fields**, Tukvptvce; **Bible**, Tulsa; **Quiett**, Tulsa; **Hufft**, Tulsa; and **Kelley**, Tulsa; a discussion on State Question 712 was conducted.

December 9, Emergency session
 Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptvce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

absent were: **Harjo**, Creek; **Notaro**, McIntosh; **Wind**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **Jones**, Okmulgee; **Ade**, Tukvptvce; **Bible**, Tulsa; **Quiett**, Tulsa; **Hufft**, Tulsa; **Kelley**, Tulsa;

In order of business the Council:

 - approved as amended (15-0-0) NCA 04-232, amending NCA 04-220 (a law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing a special appropriation to assist Muscogee (Creek) churches and ceremonial grounds for their Christmas celebration).

Division of Health

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health is looking for qualified individuals for the following positions:

Health Information Clerk:

Requirements: High School Diploma or GED equivalent is required. A minimum of one year relevant experience is preferred.

Secretary Reintegration Program:

Requirements: Associate in Science Degree with emphasis on Secretarial or Administrative Assistance is preferred. Or five years relevant work experience in office management. Work experience in an office environment with adult and / or juvenile legal or social services is preferred. Must possess a valid Oklahoma State Driver's license and be insurable is required.

Reintegration Program Coordinator:

Requirements: A Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, Social Services or related field is preferred. A minimum of 3 years relevant work experience in parole supervision and counseling. Must possess a valid Oklahoma State Driver's license and be insurable is required.

LPN - Okmulgee:

Requirements: Graduation from an accredited practical nursing curriculum is required. One year relevant experience as a member of a nursing team. Incumbent is required to possess current licensure by the State of Oklahoma for Practical Nursing and current CPR certification.

Utilization Review / QA Coordinator - CNCH:

Requirements: A Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (BSN) received from an accredited school of professional nursing is preferred. Candidates who have graduated from an Associate's Degree program or other program of at least two years in a nursing curriculum may be considered. Three years clinical experience with one year medical / surgical nursing preferred. Must possess current State of Oklahoma Nursing License.

Radiology Technologist - Okemah:

Requirements: Completion of a formal radiological program from an accredited college or hospital base program. One year of relevant work experience in radiology under the direct supervision of a registered radiology technologist. Completion of requirements necessary for becoming ARRT certified. CPR certification and completion of an accredited IV Therapy course is required.

Exercise Program Manager (2 Positions)

Sapulpa and Eufaula:

Requirements: A Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Physiology, Physical Education (B.S. Ed), Health and Human Performance, Health Promotion or related field. Two years relevant experience in a related field. Must possess

current State Educator License as applicable to education qualification. Certification as a Diabetes Educator (CDE) would benefit potential incumbent, though not required. Incumbent must possess a valid Oklahoma Driver's License and be insurable.

Pharmacist - Okmulgee:

Requirements: Incumbent must be a graduate of an accredited college / university of Pharmacy or is a Public Health Service (PHS) Pharmacy Officer. One year of relevant experience as a Pharmacist or PHS Pharmacy Officer. Incumbent is required to possess a current Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy license or current license as required by the PHS Commissioned Corporation.

Supervisory Accountant - General Ledger:

Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting is preferred. With a Bachelors Degree, two years of experience. Education requirement may be substituted with 10 years of relevant experience.

Accountant Finance:

Requirements: An Associate Degree in Accounting is required. Five years of related experience.

CEO - Division of Health Administration:

Requirements: Academic training through the Masters level in one of the public or allied health sciences, Business or Management fields, Substantial Experience managing public health programs which encompasses work in the following: direct health care activities, Hospital/Ambulatory Care, Preventative/Rehabilitation/Contact Health services. In addition, candidates must clearly show demonstrated ability to work with health care professional organizations at the State or National level. Evidence of an extensive amount of professional development and accomplishments as evidenced by promotions, career broadening assignments, demonstrated ability in public and professional presentations, active participation in professional organizations recipient of award of honors from nationally recognized organizations for excellence and / or outstanding contributions to the field.

CHR Generalist:

Requirements: High School Diploma or GED equivalent is required. One year relevant experience. Incumbent must possess a valid Oklahoma State Driver's License and be insurable. This position requires the employee to maintain a residential telephone. Residence in or near Hughes County is highly desirable.

Staff Dentist - Sapulpa:

Requirements: A DDS or DMD from a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and a certificate from an accredited General Practice Residency program. Or a DDS or DMD from a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Licensure or ability to be licensed to practice dentistry in a state, territory, or commonwealth of the United States, or in the Dis-

trict of Columbia. One year of relevant experience in addition to experience gained through an accredited residency program or three years of relevant experience without certification from an accredited residency program as stated in educational requirements.

Van Driver, 3 positions open, Part Time

Weleetka, Okemah, Muskogee

High School Diploma or GED equivalent is required. Incumbent must possess a current food handler's permit. An excellent driving record is required. Valid Oklahoma State Driver's License and be insurable.

Chief Financial Officer:

Requirements: A Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Finance, Accounting, or a related field and a minimum of four years of progressive experience in the direction of a health services or governmental finance department is required. A Master's Degree in Business Administration of a current State of Oklahoma CPA certificate is preferred.

Interviewer Consultant - Tobacco Prevention:

Requirements: High School diploma or GED equivalent is required. Associated Degree in Public Health or Social Science or related field is preferred. One year of relevant work experience is required.

LPN - Okmulgee (Temporary):

Requirements: Graduation from an accredited practical nursing curriculum is required. One year relevant experience as a member of a nursing team. Incumbent is required to possess current licensure by the State of Oklahoma for Practical Nursing, and current CPR certification.

Public Health Nurse - Okmulgee:

Requirements: Incumbent must be a graduate of an accredited professional school of nursing. Two years of relevant work experience in the field of Public Health. Incumbent is required to possess current licensure by the State of Oklahoma for Registered Nursing (prefer BSN), or Diploma, or an AD nurse.

Pediatric Dentist - Okmulgee:

Requirements: Must be eligible for Pediatric Licensure in the State of Oklahoma.

For Further information please contact Personnel Services at (918) 756-4333 Ext 271.

JOB ADVERTISEMENTS: The MNN is accepting job advertisements to run in the newspaper. If you or your company would like to advertise any openings, please contact call 732-7637 for information on rates or to place your ad.

Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise successfully completes assault landing zone for United States Air Force

ALTUS – Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise (MNBE) Construction Division recently passed final inspection by Altus Air Force Base Personnel for the Assault Landing Zone (ALZ) at Altus Air Force Base. According to Michael Nalley, Director, "The Assault Landing Zone project is a high priority for the United States Airforce. It is one of only three landing strips in the United States where the Air Force trains C-17 Pilots to land and takeoff on 3500 foot runways. The Air Force is once again using the ALZ for training."

The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area. The design of the aircraft allows it to operate through small, austere airfields. The C-17 can take off and land on runways as short as 3,000 feet and only 90 feet wide.

"I want to commend our Construction Services Altus Team and our subcontractors for a project well done," said Nalley. "Our contract required the ALZ to be completed by January 6, 2005 and we completed it two weeks ahead of schedule. We will now finish

the outside runway by January 10, 2005 and the inside runway by January 25, 2005. MNBE is honored that the Air Force had the confidence in our ability to successfully perform this contract."

This project was a higher risk project than projects completed prior to the ALZ project. The following is a list MNBE employees who are involved in this project. Woody Anderson, who now serves as the Manager of sales and Marketing and Special Projects, was critical to the early project management and operations success of the Altus AFB SABER contract. Steve Bighorse, Osage, Construction Services Operations Manager, now is responsible for estimating and negotiating this and most contracts on the Altus AFB SABER contract. He is involved with Altus on a daily basis insuring that certified payrolls are submitted, preparing contract documents for subcontractors, and providing oversight from MNBE headquarters. Justin Barnett (Muscogee), MNBE Project Manager, has supervised the ALZ project from the start. He has performed an outstanding

job ensuring that subcontractors are meeting deadlines, working with various officials at Altus AFB and providing the customer with a successful completed project. Rob Walenta, Project Manager for the Altus Saber Contract, has provided the on-site administrative support and is the contact person at the base. Rob is also responsible for the other projects MNBE has under contract at Altus AFB. Robert Dein, Quality Control, has been in charge of insuring that all quality standards are met as per the contract. Last but not least is the administrative support staff at MNBE Headquarters. Lisa Dunn, Muscogee, Accounting Manager, Deanna Igney Muscogee, Contracts and Tina Hamm, Muscogee, Accounting, provide all the administrative support to this project. Their responsibilities include preparation of payroll, certified payroll records, contract support and much more. "All of MNBE's staff have performed as a team and are critical to the success of our relationship with Altus AFB," said Nalley.

MNBE is also working on several contracts at the same time. "We have several contracts that have started recently," said Bighorse. "Tom Harjo (Muscogee), MNBE Superintendent, is in charge of supervising all of the projects outside of the ALZ and he has done an outstanding job."

MNBE has a 66 month Saber contract with Altus Air Force Base that started in September 2003 and will end in June 2005.



Subcontractor Patton Construction milling ALZ runway

Gh2 Gralla Architects, LLC extend welcome to Muscogee citizens

TULSA—GH2 Gralla Architects would like to welcome applicants from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Gh2 Gralla Architects, LLC offers a limited number of summer internships for college students enrolled in an accredited professional degree program in the field of architecture or interior architecture.

The summer program offers a basic introduction into professional practice, and allows participants to gain exposure to a wide variety of activities related to the firm's current projects. Previous participants have been able to participate in design meetings, visit project construction sites, and have extensive contact and interaction with Gh2 staff members.



A resume or letter of interest should be received by the firm by March 15 for consideration. Interviews are normally conducted during the months of March and April with successful candidates notified by April 15, 2005.

This program is sponsored by Gh2 as a part of our commitment to professional development and training of students entering the architectural profession.

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MDIC greets Ukraine visitors

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Trade and Commerce Authority recently had visitors from Ukraine. Nataliy Tsuyashehenko and Victor Bolotsky, were very impressed with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and asked questions about our language and culture. They

were very impressed with the tribe preserving the language. Gifts of painted feathers,



Ukraine visitors Nataliya Tsuyashehenko, Victor Bolotsky, Vice Mayor and Roger Thompson, Okemah Church of Christ Muscogee Creek Samplers, Ceremonial music, and more. They also toured the Creek mound.

Spotlight

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Creek ball player success story continues to grow

by Gerald Wofford

In the year of 2000, a young Muscogee (Creek) athlete, by the name of Ocfuske James King, was attending Sequoyah High School and playing baseball. His friends and family called him O.J. O.J. was a pitcher and quite talented at the position.

He really loved the sport he was involved in. He loved the order of the game, its rules and the general overall camaraderie that was evident in the sport that is called, "America's Pastime."

The young athlete wanted to continue in his chosen sport and looked to the next level after high school. Hopefully, a college might just be interested in investing a baseball scholarship in a young Native American hurler. Or perhaps, as is the baseball norm, maybe a baseball scout representing a Major League team might offer him a tryout in the team's farm-club system. Whatever the option, as long as it would allow King to continue playing baseball. But it was still late spring of his High School senior year, soon the offers would eventually begin to come. But there were none.

For some reason, O.J. was not gaining the attention he deserved, in spite of a successful pitching year at Sequoyah. No offers to play baseball were placed on the table, at least not yet.

It was now summer, the expectations of a letter, phone call, or just a knock on the door were all gone. But their was one glimmer of hope. The Creek ball player had been selected to play in the Green Country All-Star game in Warner.

Baseball coaches from nearby Connors State College were in attendance. The two year educational system prides itself on looking and finding great talent. This time, O.J. was given full attention. His performance in the event was quite impressive. The coaches offered the 6'3, 215 lb. athlete a full scholarship immediately after the game. Now the ball player had a start, a place to begin and hopes of going further.

O.J. made the most of his unique opportunity. He went on to have strong seasons at the two-year institution and by now, others were paying attention.

The University of Louisiana Northwestern came calling, and the pitcher liked what the school had to offer, not only with its respectable baseball program, but the school's academic opportunities as well.

The school's fight name is the Demons and the young athlete went right to work helping the school produce a winning program. During his first year there, the Demons went on to claim the Southland Conference Title. O.J.'s season record was an impressive eight wins with only one loss.

The success would continue the next year with the Creek pitching a

complete game while allowing only one hit. In another contest he would strike out a career high 15 batters. The strike out performance would become a school record. The game was against arch-rival Lamar. For his performance, O.J. would be named the Southland Conference Player of the Week. Demon Head Baseball Coach Mitch Gaspend knew that he had landed a gem while watching the performance back in Warner and commented specifically on his stellar outing against Lamar. "O.J. was totally dominating today, he really took us (team) on his shoulders with his performance today," said Gaspend.

Not only was O.J.'s individual performance brilliant, but the team was performing on the same level. For a special time during that spring, the Demons held the Nation's longest winning streak, 16.

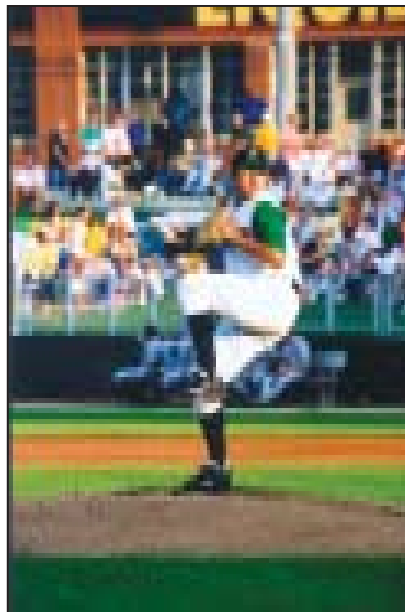
During the consecutive numbers in the win column, the Demons even beat the likes of the University of Minnesota. The Golden Gophers were the defending Big 10 Champions. For the first time in Demon baseball history, the team was ranked 23rd nationally by the Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (CBWA) poll. The CBWA poll is the most established major college baseball ranking system.

The hard work and dedication had paid off and O.J. didn't have to worry about not receiving attention anymore. His father, David King, who works with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Housing Authority, watched his son never give up his dream. "I have to give him credit," said David. "He always told me he could do it. I'm really proud of him."

O.J.'s dream of playing baseball at the college level also helped him obtain another goal, a college degree. O.J. earned a degree in University Studies.

However, O.J. wasn't finished with baseball just yet. Having performed brilliantly at the college level, ball clubs began knocking at the door. Major League organizations such as the Los Angeles Dodgers, Seattle Mariners and Cincinnati Reds were definitely interested in his pitching prowess. The Reds were the most persistent and O.J. was soon in the Reds farm club system. He went on to pitch in the rookie league for two years and the Class A division for the Philly Mustangs and Dayton Dragons.

A shoulder injury would dampen O.J.'s performance on the mound and eventually, the Creek athlete would have to let go of his dream of continuing to play the sport he loved. But his love and desire for the sport and always being a part of the game has never died, O.J. has decided to lend his skills to coaching. He has already mentored young students of the sport in a private school in Louisiana. O.J. next plans to help Creek baseball players in a camp to be held this summer. O.J.'s success story continues to be written!



Muscogee (Creek) athlete Ocfuske James King

Shop talk with Gerald

Hope everyone had a safe and happy New Year. What a way to bring in the New Year, a National Championship game with local flavor. Unfortunately, the flavor went a little bad for the Oklahoma Sooners bid for a National Championship this year. You got to admit, its been a long time since we have seen the crimson and cream, well, creamed in this sort of manner. Murphy’s law of everything that can go wrong will go wrong, was applied that fourth night of January in warm Miami, Florida for Bob Stoop’s Sooners.

But since we’re all armchair quarterbacks for a while, all kinds of ideas, remedies, and opinions will be given that certainly would have suppressed or aided the failing Sooners. All views will probably be that way until spring football rolls around and the promise of a new season can be anticipated.

And so falling in line with everyone, we do want to remind our wonderful readers about the December issue of *The Muscogee Nation News*, we did document that Oklahoma would have to play a near perfect game in order to preserve a victory. And that the defensive secondary of the Sooners would have to play the perfect game. Well, obviously that didn’t happen as Trojan quarterback Matt Leinart threw for an Orange Bowl record five touchdowns and completed 18-of-35 passes for 332 yards, and was named the game’s Most Outstanding Player. Yeah, it was bad, but Muscogee readers, don’t give up the faith.

Like the anticipated Orange Bowl matchup, the Kobe Bryant-Shaquille O’Neal didn’t live up to expectations either. O’Neal’s Miami Heat won the game, but the giant fouled out before the game went into overtime. True, his teammates took over and got the win, but it still would have been nice to have seen a playoff type of foul. The type of playoff that’s reminiscent of the Kevin McHale tomahawk on Kurt Rambis way back in the day. Nothing like that really happened, so I think Kobe won the battle this day. After all, he did lure O’Neal into fouling him for his sixth foul. I guess we will all have to wait and see what happens in the second confrontation which is scheduled for March 17 in Miami. The game is scheduled to be televised on TNT.

Even though we’re in cold January, its not too early to start thinking about the 2nd Annual All-Indian March Madness Basketball Tournament. The Tournament will be held March 23 through the 27 at the Dewar High School Gymnasium. Last year’s tournament was fun to watch and this year’s tournament promises to be even bigger and better than last year’s successful spectacle. Come on, get a team in, and if you don’t have one, get one.

Keep letting us know about those great Creek athletes out there. Basketball season is in high gear and softball is going to be coming up. If you don’t brag about your athlete, no one will.

MNN Athlete of the Month: Ashley Bear

BROKEN ARROW—Ashley Bear is helping lead the Broken Arrow Lady Tigers Basketball team with a steady dose of experience.

The Muscogee (Creek) senior is not only a force on the hardwood, but in the classroom as well. Bear’s academic success has earned her consideration for class valedictorian, which will be announced later this year.

“Ashley’s been playing since she was in the second grade,” says her father, Gerry, proudly.

Bear started out her high school career at the guard position, but her leadership skills made Coach Teri Long move the Creek athlete to the point-guard position. Bear is averaging 12 points per game.

Although a leader on the team requires going underneath and fighting for position, Bear prefers the perimeter game and is quite efficient behind the three-point line.

Bear continues to guide the rather young team. Besides teammate Allison Little, who is a senior, the Lady Tigers roster consists mainly of sophomores who are working their way through a rough start. At the end of December, the Lady Tigers were with 2 wins and 4 losses. The team finished last year with 12 wins and 14 losses.

Coach Long admits that the road has been difficult for Bear and for the team. Bear is naturally a shooting guard and the ball handling duties of a point guard are not duties she is accustomed to. But Bear has risen to the occasion, according to Coach Long. “Ashley should be our shooting guard, but since we are without a point guard she has bitten the bullet and has gotten better.”

Broken Arrow plays in 6A and competes in the Frontier Conference, which consists of teams such as Jenks, Union, and Muskogee.

“Ashley is such a remarkable player, she is a team leader and helps lead the team,” says Coach Long. “Both on and off the court, a lot of times, the younger players, and we have quite a few of them, look to her for guidance.

Bear’s future plans are to attend Oklahoma State University and major in mechanical engineering. Considering her outstanding leadership skills, earning a college degree will not be so difficult for this Creek high school senior.



Broken Arrow High School Player Ashley Bear

Creek athlete included in 100 greatest sports publication

Sooners Illustrated magazine recently after 62 seasons. printed a special book entitled, “100 Greatest Sooners.” Ranked at number 93 on the all-time list is Muscogee (Creek) citizen, Jack Jacobs, who was born in Holdenville in 1919 and played for the University of Oklahoma from 1939 to 1941.

Jacobs, an Oklahoma legend known as Indian Jack, did his part for the Sooners. The Creek gridiron star led the team at quarterback and also played defensive back. Jacobs was also known for his punting exploits and, according to the article, Jacobs, who was second in the nation in 1940 in punting with a 47.8 yards average, punted 18 times in a contest against Santa Clara, a record that still stands game. Final score: Oklahoma 16, Santa Clara 6.

Another good example of Jacob’s abilities is told from an excerpt from the article in a game that featured Oklahoma against Santa Clara.

The Sooners were clinging to an 8-6 lead and pinned deep in their own end of the field, when Jacobs proceeded to boot a spiraling punt that cut through the October winds and did not stop until it had bounced inside the Santa Clara 10-yard line, some 86 yards away. The Sooner defense went to hold and the Broncos and moments later, Jacobs led OU, facing a fourth and goal from the three, to a game clinching touchdown with 15 seconds remaining in the



Jack Jacobs

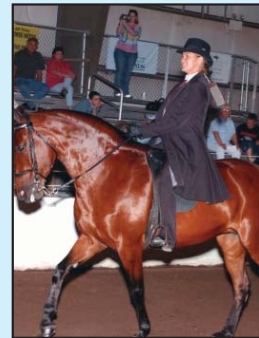
Community sports news

Brewster participates in horse show

ST. LOUIS, MO.— Sarah Brewster recently participated in a St. Louis charity horse show. She rode Good Friday's Goin' Jessie. She captured several awards while competing against world renown Tennessee walking horse breeds.

She is a senior, attending Oklahoma State University on an Indian Health Service scholarship.

Sarah is the great granddaughter of Dora Chaney.



Brewster

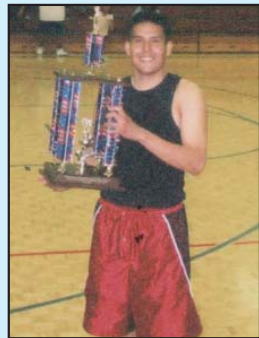
Tribal member makes ABA All-Native team

YUMA, Ariz. — Rodney Patrick Thompson was recently selected for the American Basketball Association's All-Native Basketball team on a trial basis.

Thompson grew up in the Ganado area of the Navajo reservation. He was involved in various sports, including basketball, football, and track throughout his high school career. He graduated from Ganado High School in 1995. After graduation, he attended Yavapai Community College in Prescott, Arizona on a basketball scholarship.

Rodney is the son of Marshall Thompson and Joan Dalgai. He is the grandson of the late Newman Thompson and Cinda Sootawakey-Thompson.

He has one sister, Andrea Hernandez.



Thompson

2005 Native American All-Star Football Game
LAWRENCE, Kan. — The 2005 Native American All-Star football game committee announces that nominations for participants of the 2005 game are now being accepted. Any Native American high school senior who will graduate in 2005 and is a member of a federally recognized tribe is encouraged to apply for the All-Star game.

The Native American All-Star game is in its fourth year of existence and continues to gain notoriety with college coaches and players alike. This year's All-Star football game will continue to be held on the historic campus of Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, on a date yet to be determined. All selected participants will have an opportunity to meet and play with the best of the best in Indian country in an East versus West format.

For more information, visit www.ndnsports.com or contact Brent Cahwee, bcahwee@ndnsports.com or John Harjo, jharjo@ndnsports.com for more information.

Tournament offers more than athletic competition

OKMULGEE — A few years ago, friends and sports enthusiasts, David Pascale and Lucas Taylor, decided to create a basketball tournament that would target and benefit Native American youth in the surrounding communities, with aspirations of a nationwide impact.

The goal of the tournament was to develop a tournament that will help build character in our Native American youth, give them a focal point to strive for academic excellence, provide a deterrent to alcohol and drug use/abuse, restore pride in our Native American heritage, foster a healthy life-style and ultimately help Native American youth succeed in the game of life.

"Historically, Native Americans have always been athletic," said Taylor. "Whether it was during times of war, or hunting to provide food and insuring the very existence of our people, Native Americans have always possessed a competitive spirit deep within. By targeting these two characteristics, athletics and competitiveness, we felt we would be able to capture their attention and help focus on other areas of life that our Native American youth deem as insignificant or of no great concern."

Working from this concept, Pascale and Taylor have developed two very successful basketball tournaments: the Annual All-Indian Warriors Showcase Shoot-out, for ages five to fourteen, and the Annual All-Indian March Madness Tournament, for high school aged athletes. The two tournaments have reached basketball enthusiasts throughout Oklahoma, as well as neighboring states. Last year, University of Oklahoma Men's Basketball Coach, Kelvin Sampson, wrote a letter of support that was included in the March Madness tournament program.

"That letter helps us move closer to gaining national recognition," said Taylor.

Everyone involved with the tournaments are identifiable Native Americans. This allows us the organization to have a more personal connection and positive affect on Native American youth.

In conjunction with this year's March Madness Tournament, the tournament committee will be giving

away four scholarships: (2) four year scholarships (up to 100% of tuition costs only) to Bacone College and (2) \$1000 scholarships at a formal awards banquet following the March Madness Tournament.

New to this year's tournament activities is an education fair hosted by Bacone College. The one day education fair is geared toward helping our Native American youth prepare for life after high school. The retention rate of Native Americans nationwide is 18%.

"For the numbers to increase, we must provide every possible opportunity to help them succeed and remove all stumbling blocks that continue to haunt all Native American students nationwide," said Taylor. "Too many times we want to place the blame on everyone else, when ultimately the blame lies with us! Our Native American youth are placed on a path that leads to failure rather than success. It's our goal and desire to break that continuing circle of failure by redirecting their paths."

During the education fair, Bacone College officials will provide lectures guided by Native American speakers and information packets for all those who attend. Experts will be on hand to help participants fill out financial aid packets for federal and tribal financial aid.

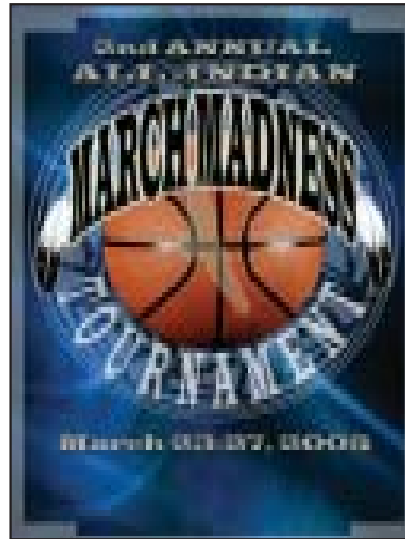
Along with the two scholarships, Bacone is able to offer every individual a 35% scholarship towards costs of attending Bacone College. The scholarships are in Native American specific areas, specifically those related to Muscogee (Creek) culture. Three areas are targeted: ceremonial leaders (singing) and shell shakers; stickball; and storytelling. This encourages our youth to be proud of their Native American heritage.

"By utilizing the wisdom and teachings of our tribal elders, our youth can help the progression of our people by attending an institute of higher learning and returning to our rural communities with a new found knowledge, pride, and attitude, characteristics are youth desperately need in order to prosper and survive," said Taylor.

Finally, depending on the funds generated, the tournament committee plans on sponsoring and chaperoning one boys team and one girls team, comprised of individuals participating in the March Madness Tournament, to the Annual All West Native American Basketball Tournament in Denver, Colorado, sponsored by the United Native American Housing Association. The team will act as ambassadors for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Housing Authority of the Creek Nation.

Based on the success of previous tournaments, Pascale and Taylor plan on creating a organization that will allow them to financially assist individuals with educational needs, alcohol/drug awareness and prevention activities, life skills training, athletic equipment, instructional and exposure camps, and team sponsorships.

For more information about the All-Indian March Madness Tournament or for a scholarship application, contact Lucas Taylor at (918) 732-7637 or lvme4@yahoo.com.



SARAH BAKER

BROKENARROW — Funeral services for Sarah Molly Jean Gordon Baker were held December 17 at Floral Haven Funeral Home with a family reception hosted by members of the American Legion Post 308.

She was born on November 25, 1925 to Homer and Lena McFarland Gordon. Baker attended Graham District #32 for 12 years. After graduation she moved to Dallas, Texas where she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Women Reserves. After boot camp she attended motor transport school at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina then served during the duration of World War II at Quantico, Virginia.

Sarah was honored as the 2003 Oklahoma Female Veteran of the Year for her years of volunteerism with veterans organizations. She was the founder of Oklahoma’s first chapter of Women Marines Association in 1978 and served nine years as its president. Baker was a life member of the Marine Corps League, member of American Legion Post 308 Honor Guard. She was also a member of Women of the Moose Lodge 862 and was a Girl Scouts leader for six years.

Baker was preceded in death by: her parents; brother, Charles “Buster” Gordon; and sisters, Jackie Baldwin and Odessa Stewart.

Survivors include: daughters, Royala Radtke of Tulsa, Connie Lumsden of Saginaw, Texas, Ronda Kellogg and Retha Perry, both of Catoosa; son, Russel Radtke of Tulsa; sisters, Lillie Massengale of Dustin, Eileen Sanders and Liz Robison, both of Lamar; brother, John Gordon of Moore; eleven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and cherished friends.

DANIEL THOMPSON

SCHULTER — Funeral services for Daniel “Bodee” Thompson were held December 31 at the Schulter Gymnasium.

He was born June 12, 1945 in Pierce to Newman and Cinda Thompson.

He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in July 1966 and earned an honorable discharge in February 1971. Bodee was a Corporal and served in the Vietnam War. He was also a pipeline/welder.

Thompson was a lifetime member of the VFW, member of the American Legion, Elks Lodge, Local Pipe liners Union and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Daniel enjoyed all sports but he most enjoyed basketball and softball. His hobbies were playing pool with his V.F.W.

Team. He also enjoyed riding around and visiting places, family, friends and listening to country, oldies and stompdance music.

Preceding him in death were: his parents; brothers, Russell and Henry Thompson; and sisters, Bessie Freeman and Ethyl Wyatt.

Survivors include: wife, Kim Rich of the home; daughters, Cassandra Harjo, Dana and Carol K. Thompson, all of Okemah; five grandchildren; brothers, Emmanuel of Checotah, Newman Jr. of Henryetta and Marshall Thompson of Yuma, Arizona; and sisters, Etta Dickerson of Sapulpa and Sarah Harjo Thompson of Tulsa.

Honorary pallbearers were: Newman Jr., Marshall and Emmanuel Thompson; Darryl Dudley; Joe Henry; Jack Alexander; and Reuben Freeman Sr.



Thompson

PATRICIA WOZENCRAFT

OCALA, FL — Patricia Wozencraft passed away on Nov. 19, 2004, of breast cancer. She died 10 days before her 67th birthday.

She graduated from Wetumka High School in 1956. Patty had a special gift with art and sculpting. She sculpted a lot of horses and produced them in Bronzes.

Patty was preceded in death by: her parents, Bill and Pearl Conley; sister, Thelma Conley Wyman, June 2004, and a brother Oscar Lee Conley June 2004.

She was survived by her husband Ed Wozencraft; daughter, Roberta Sampson, of Canoga Park, Ca.; son, Don Lanning, of Van Nuys, Ca.; three brothers, Douglas Conley, Billy Conley, and Glenn Conley; Two sisters, Nova Gail Conley Ball, and Brenda Conley Chambers.

She was Cremated. A Memorial Service was held Dec. 2, at her church at Oakbrook Life Center in Ocala, Florida.

HELEN JIMBOY

CLEARVIEW — Funeral services for Helen Jimboy were held December 28 at Creek Chapel Methodist Church.

She was born July 12, 1932, in Clearview, to Pete and Annie Harjo. She was a homemaker, and also enjoyed quilting and knitting. She was a longtime member of the Creek Chapel

Methodist Church.

Jimboy was preceded in death by her loving husband William M. Jimboy; her parents; one son, Baby Boy Jimboy; one grand baby; one great-grandbaby; two sister, Minnie Beaver and Lou Ann Wells.

She was survived by her three sons: David Jimboy, of Glenpool; Elton Jimboy, of Tulsa; Marcy Jimboy, of Holdenville; six daughters: Leah Ann Jack, of Tulsa; Edith Jimboy, of Clearview; Louisa (Kitty) Chotkey, of Tulsa; Robin Armstrong, of Anadarko; Margie Sue McIntosh, of Glenpool; Princess Pat Chester, of Hulbert; one sister Lettie Randell, of Henryetta; three brothers, Sonnie Harjo, of Okemah; James Harjo, of Clearview; Morris Harjo, of Clearview;

Interment was held at Creek Chapel Cemetery. Officiating was Rev. Malcom Tiger and Rev. Edwin Jimboy.

ROBERT LOUIS PETSEMOIE, JR.

OKEMAH — Funeral services for Robert L. Petsemoie, Jr. were held on January 11, at Arbeka Indian Baptist Church.

He was born September 14, 1951, in Talihina, to Robert Petsemoie Sr. and Leah Bear. He graduated from Chilocco Indian School in 1969 at the top of his class and excelled in sports and played in the band. He also attended Southeastern State College in Durant and Oklahoma University and also served in the United States Navy.

He was a carpenter and worked for Creek Nation Housing and also as a self employed carpenter. He had lived in Weleetka for five years coming from Holdenville.

He was baptized at Arbeka Indian Baptist Church on December 19, 2004, by Rev. Marvin Lowe and became a member of that church. Robert was an avid OU football fan who had season tickets and attended every game he could. He loved to fish at Eufaula dam, have cookouts, and travel. He was always helping others and during his many admissions to Creek Nation Community Hospital, he fell in love with all the staff and did his best to keep them in line.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a niece, Misty Ann Newton.

He was survived by his long time companion, Joyce Harrison, of the home; three brothers, Roger Petsemoie and wife, Pat, of Ada, Carl Petsemoie of Holdenville and Herman Petsemoie and wife, Lilah, also of Holdenville; two sisters, Pamela Newton of Holdenville and Carol Shields and husband, Kent, of Ada, and a host of other family and friends.

Interment was held at Calvin City Cemetery in Calvin.

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